COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting November 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Common Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. Councilman Brown was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 4-0-2 voice vote, with Councilmen Nolley and Phares abstaining.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the City's financial reports, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Ordinance No. 15-2775, it amends Salary Ordinance No. 15-2772 for the Police Department. Councilman Fero moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Asher seconded. Under discussion, Councilman Asher clarified that the percentages are not increases, saying that as the sum of money goes up, the salaries go up for the ranking officers, so they don't get caught behind, like they have in the past. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Coming up next was the job classification review form for an employee with the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). WRRF Superintendent Brad Fix said he had a certified operator who was an industrial pretreatment inspector, and he's creating a new position for Kevin Kredit, who has been doing it for the past year. Brad wanted to give Kevin a pay increase because of the good job he has done over the past year, and because another employee was off on short-term disability for almost a year as well, so Kevin and others filled in while he was off. Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the request, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On behalf of the Shelby County Youth Assistance Program's Board of Directors, Amy Dillon came forward to give a presentation on their behalf. She was asking the City Council if they would consider funding a portion of their budget for calendar year 2016. Amy said this has been in the works for the last couple of years, and learned of a program that was very successful in Hamilton County that helped children from the age of three through seventeen who were identified by teachers, school administrators, and other community leaders as having some challenges facing them that could lead them down the wrong path; putting them in the probation or corrections system. The Board is looking at hiring a coordinator to oversee all that would be needed to help these children, and they are asking the city and the county to help fund the salary and benefits for the proposed employee of the Youth Assistance Program. She said the cost, if split down the middle, would be $30,500.00 apiece. She said several Board members were in attendance, as well as Melissa O'Connor, a social worker who has been advising the Board, and hopefully if funded, would slide into the Coordinator position. Also in support of the proposal were Judges Kent Apsley and Charles O'Connor, who both spoke in their favor. Councilman Carmony asked where the rest of the money would come from, around $14,000.00 to $15,000.00. Amy said there were lots of grant opportunities, so they hoped to take advantage of some of those, and the Board is willing and prepared to take on fundraising efforts. Councilman Carmony wanted to make sure the Program had all of its proposed $75,000.00 before it starts, he wanted to make sure there will be quantitative data a year from now, and Amy said they have been looking at doing just that to produce results. Councilman Fero asked what the target date was for this program. Amy said it was hoped to start this fall, but funding fell through, so they're now looking at January 1, 2016. Councilman Hamilton moved to approve giving $37,125.00 out of Racino monies, and Councilman Asher seconded. Accountability after a year was also requested by the City Council. Mayor DeBaun said this is a community response to a community problem. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilman Asher stated that the checks approved by the Blue River Community Foundation and the City Council will be passed out individually at the next City Council meeting, which will be held on November 16, at 8:30 A.M.

Mayor DeBaun encouraged everyone who could vote tomorrow to do so.

There being no further business, Councilman Hamilton moved to adjourn.

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Ogden

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer
DEPUTY