COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting December 21, 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, December 21, 2015, at 8:31 A.M. Councilman Hamilton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. All Councilmen were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Nolley abstaining.

Under old business, on Ordinance No. 15-2778, amending §32.17 on non-reverting Capital Fund for Ambulance and Fire Equipment, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request on second and final reading, and Councilman Hamilton seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2015-1, PK U.S.A., Inc. requested ten years of tax abatement on various types of equipment. Councilman Asher moved to approve the request, and Councilman Brown seconded. Under discussion, attorney Peter DePrez presented a sheet to the Mayor and Councilmen showing and reviewing the annual assessments, tax abatement deductions, and the annual payment of taxes by PK U.S.A., Inc. since 2003 pay 2004. Bill Kent talked about how important the Shelbyville Plant is since they started here in 1989, and what they have done for their employees and others during the holiday season. Councilmen Brown, Hamilton, and Carmony talked about the learning curve of tax abatements, and how important it is that companies filing tax abatements stay in this community for decades after arriving. It helps in so many ways. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote for the abatements.

On Resolution No. 2015-26, transfers of funds were requested by the Fire, Ambulance, Animal Shelter, Motor Vehicle Highway, Parks Departments, and the Pool. Councilman Brown moved to approve the requests, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun announced that Resolution No. 2015-27 was removed from the agenda.

On Ordinance No. 15-2779, it amends salary Ordinance No. 15-2772 for the Police Departments rank pay. Councilman Asher moved to approve the request on first reading, and Councilman Fero seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Brown abstaining. Councilman Nolley moved to suspend the rules to pass this on second reading, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote. Councilman Nolley moved to pass this on second and final reading, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Brown abstaining.

Mayor DeBaun asked Councilman Asher to take over talking about the Police and Fire contracts for 2016. Councilman Brown said he appreciated the hard work the Councilmen did on getting the contracts finalized. Councilman Asher also thanked everyone involved in finalizing the contracts. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the 2016 Fire contract, and Councilman Brown seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On the 2016 Police contract, Councilman Fero moved to approve their contract, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Brown abstaining. Councilman Asher said he'd like to thank the Mayor and Councilman Phares for doing all the work on the contracts. Councilman Carmony said he'd like to see a third party take over doing the negotiations, feeling it's a better approach for this community.

Mayor DeBaun said he had some presentations to give this morning, being the last Council meeting of the year. He said there will be three gentlemen not joining the Council next year. He first asked Councilman Brown to come forward to present him with a plaque for his four years of service on the City Council. Councilman Brown said it was a pleasure to serve, and it was a learning process obviously when he started. Mayor DeBaun then asked Councilman Hamilton to come forward to present him with a plaque for his four years of service on the City Council.

Councilman Hamilton said he enjoyed his time on the Council, and there were times it was frustrating, but always interesting. Mayor DeBaun lastly asked Councilman Fero to come forward to present him with a plaque for his twelve years on the City Council. Councilman Fero said the time seemed to go awfully fast the older you get, but he learned a lot, and met more people than he would have otherwise. He also said he enjoyed working with the Mayor and the Department Heads. Mayor DeBaun said he reappointed Councilman Fero to the Aviation Board.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer