COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting February 1, 2016

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, February 1, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. Mayor DeBaun and Councilman Asher were absent, and as Council President Nolley said, they were busy working on incredible opportunities for the City. Councilman Nolley presided.

Councilman Wright moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, concerning the City's financial reports for December, Councilman Phares said the Department Heads did a real nice job of staying within their budgets for 2015, and they were to be complimented. Councilman Phares moved to approve the financial reports, and Councilman Carmony seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Under old business, on Ordinance No. 16-2782, vacating a portion of Parker Ave. as a public way, Councilman Carmony moved to approve this on second and final reading, and Councilman Phares seconded. This has to do with an extension of Lincoln Street for the Brazeway project. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote on second and final reading.

Under new business, on Ordinance No. 16-2783, it terminates obsolete funds with zero balances, it transfers non-reverting monies for the Police Department into their Continuing Education Fund, and it transfers unused balances into the Rainy Day Fund. Councilman Carmony moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 16-2784, enacting and adopting the 2015 S-12 supplement to the City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Carmony moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Ridgeway seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0 voice vote.

Under other business, Councilman Nolley said Kris Schwickrath's update on her progress on ash trees was tabled until Mayor DeBaun could attend the next Council meeting on February 15.

Under reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Councilman Phares said Mainstreet Shelbyville had some great news, so he asked Brandy Coomes, its Executive Director, to come forward to make the announcement. Brandy said two new spots were created to serve on its Board of Directors, one each from City and County Government. She was excited to say that Mayor Tom DeBaun has stepped up offering to serve on its Board of Directors, and he has attended meetings for the last couple of months. A County official has not been named yet. She gave an update on events happening later this year, and talked about the slow progress of moving to their new location at 18 N. Harrison Street.

Parks Director Karen Martin talked about events happening at the Parks, and talked about getting ideas together to have drone and flight zones for enthusiasts to enjoy when events aren't going on at the Parks. Safety training and permits would be required. After the Parks Board reviews everything, it will then be brought before the City Council with an Ordinance for its approval.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilwoman Bowen asked other Department Heads to give the Council updates on their Departments. Water Resource Recovery Facility Superintendent Brad Fix started, then was followed with updates by Fire Chief Tony Logan, and Police Chief Mark Weidner.

Councilman Nolley asked Mitch Genser, owner of Purple Vetch Properties, and developer of the Methodist Building and Shelbyville High Apartments, to come forward and give an update on what's happening at the Methodist Building. Mitch welcomed the three new Council members since he has not met with them since they were elected in November. Mitch said he and others are meeting with two City officials this Thursday to review with them their State design review submission materials before they're submitted. They want to get the City's input because the

Methodist Building is a rather complex building to move it through State design review for the first floor. With a few delays along the way, Mitch said he now hopes to open the ground floor bakery this summer, instead of the original hopeful opening date this spring. He said he intends on giving the Mayor, Rob Springer, and the Council members monthly updates on the progress on the Methodist Building. Councilman Nolley said he appreciates Mitch's investment in this community, and for taking the risk on the Methodist Building. Mitch said it's been a humbling experience, and he's done the best he can to keep it going. Councilman Phares noted that he was misquoted two or three months ago about an article in the newspaper, and he wanted to apologize to Mitch. He said he supports Mitch and his project, and he's grateful he is pushing and kicking to make this thing happen. Mitch said he's always open to input and suggestions from the Council and the community.

There being no further business, Councilman Carmony moved to adjourn, and Councilman Phares seconded.

Robert Nolley
Council President

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer