COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting August 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, August 1, 2016, at 6:59 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Ridgeway followed that with a prayer. Councilman Carmony was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Nolley moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting, and Councilman Wright seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the City Financial Reports for June, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under old business, Mayor DeBaun read a Proclamation declaring August 3, 2016 as White Castle and Shriners Hospitals for Children Day in Shelbyville, Indiana. Several Shriners were present to receive the proclamation and have pictures taken of the event with the Mayor.

Under new business, on Ordinance No. 16-2796, it authorizes and ratifies a buy money program for the Police Department. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request on first reading, and Councilman Ridgeway seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2016-16, tax abatement on real estate and personal property was requested by Nippon Steel and Sumikin Cold Heading Wire Indiana Inc. Councilman Asher moved to approve the request, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The total investments come to around $48,000,000.00. A representative of the company said mass production is supposed to start in 2018. Councilman Ridgeway said this will bring almost $2,000,000.00 to the economy, whereas only $410.00 is collected on taxes right now. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2016-17, it authorizes Capone's Speak Easy to apply for a Riverfront permit. Councilman Phares moved to approve the request, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. James Scott Fuchs talked about his plans for the small pub eatery located on the Public Square that can seat approximately 35 to 40 people, and will have a small menu of seafood only. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under other business, Mayor DeBaun wanted to thank everyone who was involved in the Stellar Communities Designation tour last Tuesday. He said he thought everyone in Shelbyville and Shelby County put on their best possible face.

Barbara Rogers, with Three Sisters Books and Gifts on the Public Square, said she had a couple things to go over this evening. The first was about the First Friday event happening this Friday, where they will be celebrating the Arts with artisans, music, food, and beverages of all kinds. She wanted to thank the Street Department for all they've done in the past with signage, blocking off needed areas, and all of their help in so many ways for the First Friday events. The second thing was to get some thoughts together on what to do about all of the kids skateboarding, riding scooters, or bicycles around town. She said kids are skating on the flower beds and they are skating fast around the Square, worrying some day one of their customers could get struck by one of the kids. Mayor DeBaun said he has met with some of the representatives in that group twice, he's met with other skateboarders more than once, and he indicated he'd be more than happy to partner with them. However, he did not feel it was appropriate to build something for them, and just give it to them. He felt they needed some sense of ownership and responsibility, and if they develop a sense of ownership and responsibility, they would be more prone to take care of it. The last meeting he had with the group, which was last week, was specifically that he would like for them to come to him with a proposal of a skate park. Not knowing much about a skate park, he would like to know the dimensions, the type of equipment they are talking about, and those sorts of things so they could work together as a group. His meeting also let them know the need not to destroy other people's property. He said just because they're bored, or having the perception there's nothing to do, is not a license to deface public property. He also said this is not the first time they've heard that message. Parks Director Karen Martin said she talked with a couple communities about their skate parks, and she knows from past experience, that a skate park should not be located near a residential area. It was determined that much more needs to be

done in the way of meetings with kids and parents before beginning to even consider what might happen in the future. Karen said a possible cost for a skate park could be around $160,000.00, or more.

There being no further business, Councilman Wright moved to adjourn, and Councilman Nolley seconded.

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer