COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting September 7, 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 Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 6:58 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Ridgeway followed that with a prayer. Councilmen Carmony, Wright, and Asher were absent, and Councilman Nolley was the reader. Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Nolley moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2016 meeting, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 4-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the City Financial Reports for July, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 4-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Ordinance No. 16-2798, Councilman Phares moved to approve the City employees salary ordinance for 2017 on first reading, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 4-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 16-2799, Councilman Phares moved to approve the elected City Officials salaries for 2017 on first reading, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 4-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 16-2801, a request was made by Heritage Automotive to rezone 825 E. State Rd. 44 from a BG classification, to a BH classification. This is the former Golden Corral location. Councilwoman Bowen moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Nolley seconded. Kevin Crites, the general manager for Heritage Automotive, said they had an interest in putting their car lot at that location. Councilman Ridgeway asked what happens with the vacant building at that location. Mr. Crites said he's had architects give him some renderings of the building, and they're going to make it look nice, but it's contingent on getting the rezoning request approved. Asked by Councilman Phares what would happen to their current location if they move, Mr. Crites said they have plans for that building as well. This will go to the Plan Commission for a public hearing, and then they will send a recommendation to the Council for a final hearing. The motion was carried on a 4-0 voice vote.

Under other business, Mayor DeBaun asked Nicholas Branson to come forward to explain his project. Mr. Branson is a Shelbyville High School student out of Scout Troop #203, and he explained his Eagle Scout project to the audience. He did a flag exchange asking businesses for donations so he could buy 100 flags, and then he had a set date where people could bring their old flags to be replaced with new flags. On a separate date, he did a flag retirement properly burning 236 flags. With leftover money, Mr. Branson wanted to give to the HVAF of Indiana a total of $250.31. Brian Copes gladly received the money from Mr. Branson, saying his agency houses homeless veterans and has been in existence for 23 years, although he's only been with them for the past five months. They also help veterans in need of paying various bills, and give legal advice and employment placement, as well as behavioral mental health counseling. Mr. Copes said he's very proud that he's been given the privilege to lead this agency. He said he's known Nicholas for several years, and only 36 hours earlier found that their agency would be the recipient of this very worthy cause.

Mayor DeBaun talked about the process of what's been going on since the last discussion on the possibility of having a skateboard park in Shelbyville. He's met with three developers of skateboard parks since then. After that, he turned them over to Karen Martin, the Parks Director, so she could look into what a skateboard park might look like. The things that aren't known yet are location, amenities, and things of that nature. Mayor DeBaun wants the group to decide who they want to be involved in the effort to build a skateboard park. There were several who spoke tonight giving their thoughts and ideas on what could possibly be done, in a positive way. No one in the audience wants a skateboard park like the one that was built inside Morrison Park several years ago that caused all kinds of problems in that area. Mayor DeBaun asked Brett Sturgill and Penny Lane, the community advocates, to organize the group, pick around six

people to serve, and then the process can begin. Mayor DeBaun thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting.

Councilman Nolley wanted to recognize a special guest in the audience. He asked Yuchon, from our sister-city in Japan, to stand and be recognized, along with his wife, who is visiting the United States for the first time. Councilman Nolley said Yuchon, who has been here many, many times over the last thirty years, is the president of Kambara's International Relations Council.

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

Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer