

## COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 2, 2018

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, April 2, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. All Council members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Wright moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the City's financial reports, and Councilman Wright seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2018-10, Mayor DeBaun announced that it would be removed from tonight's agenda, and it will be heard at the next Council meeting.

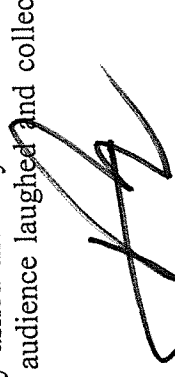
Under other business, Bill Kent came forward to give a quarterly business update on PK U.S.A., Inc. He said PK is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year in Shelbyville, with a full time workforce of 600, and a few temporary workers. An opinion survey was used to find out employees felt they needed more training. So, Purdue University is training and teaching two classes for leaders and non-leaders at PK, who feel they might need help in becoming better in leadership positions. Earlier this year, Bill said PK started a die maintenance apprenticeship program that will take four years to complete, for which the company is very proud. Since Bill said over half of their employees live in Shelby County, Councilman Carmony felt it would be good if Bill let them know about the amenities at Blue River Trails, including bike and walking paths going throughout the Parks in the City. Bill agreed and said all would be invited to their anniversary celebration in July.

Under reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Councilman Carmony said there would be a Finance Committee meeting tomorrow, April 3, at 4:00P.M., in the Council Chambers. Councilman Nolley said there would be a Tax Abatement Committee meeting this Friday, April 6, at 9:30 A.M. Councilman Ridgeway wanted to commend WRRF Superintendent Brad Fix on the 2017 Financial Report that was turned in for the Council's review, saying things were implemented at the Plant to reduce costs, and there won't be an increase on the sewer rates.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Mayor DeBaun asked if anyone wanted to come forward to speak their mind or talk about any concerns they may have. After several awkward seconds passed where no one got up, Blue River Community Foundation Executive Director, Amy Haacker, came forward to voice her support of the downtown redevelopment. After no one else came forward, Mayor DeBaun said he had received some inquiries about concerns people had about the downtown redevelopment plan. It was his understanding that people would be attending tonight's meeting, so he appreciated those who did attend. The Mayor wanted to extend an invitation to any concerned citizen to contact him by email, a personal visit to his office, at the coffee shop, or out around town. Mayor DeBaun said downtown changes have been discussed since the year 2000, and there have been conservatively 40 to 50 public meetings about revitalizing the downtown area. Sandy Simpson was invited to come forward. She said she was here mainly to listen what others had to say about the downtown plans. Although she's been in touch with others on social media who don't like the redevelopment plans, she recommended that people let their representative or the Mayor personally know their thoughts, not just on social media. Dawn Houchin, a representative from Healthy Shelby County, said she was here to be made aware of anything going on that's relevant to their coalition, or what they can be a part of. Parks Director Karen Martin came forward to say there will be a ribbon cutting on Friday, April 13, for the Blue River Trail East Reach, at 3:00 P.M., and all were invited. She said it will be off the Boardwalk, and asked everyone to park in the soccer parking area. Councilman Carmony said Shelbyville's Public Square is not a roundabout, and asked Mayor DeBaun to explain the difference with what we have. Mayor DeBaun said what we have is a traffic circle, where people can park in the Circle, but roundabouts such as in the Carmel area,

are located away from pedestrian traffic, and are not in the downtown area. The Mayor said until or unless something changes in our downtown traffic patterns, no one has any interest in doing anything with the Knights of Pythias building, or any of the other vacant buildings. Nothing is set in stone yet, but the hope is to still have a fountain, the statue, and a convenient, inviting, gathering space in the middle of our community, that is also a safe place. Barbara Rogers, with Three Sisters Bookstore, said this Friday will be a First Friday event downtown, and several stores will be open. When asked by Councilman Phares about her thoughts in changing the downtown, Barbara said she and her sisters started their business sixteen years ago, and feel change will be the right way to go to make things safer for everyone. Her husband, Bob Rogers, came up next to say thanks to the Mayor and the Council for allowing the VA to open up their office in Shelbyville where veterans can be taken care of. He said the grand opening is happening this Friday. Mayor DeBaun said there will be a luncheon for Vietnam vets on Friday, April 13, at 12 noon, at the Parks Department.

There being no further business, after Councilman Ridgeway asked the Mayor's wife to come forward to ask questions about the Mayor, the Council and audience laughed and collectively moved to adjourn.



Thomas D. DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr  
Clerk-Treasurer