

## COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 4, 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, June 4, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. Councilman Asher was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Wright moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Wright moved to approve the City's financial reports, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under old business, on Ordinance No. 18-2838, to rezone 132 W. Washington St. from BG to an R1 classification, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request on second and final reading, and Councilman Carmony seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2018-12, a transfer of funds was requested by the City Garage. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilman Nolley said the Tax Abatement Committee met on May 25 to review each of the fifteen companies who filed compliance with statement of benefit forms. The Committee recommended approval of all fifteen companies with their compliance forms, so Councilman Nolley moved to approve all fifteen, and Councilman Carmony seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 18-2839, to vacate a portion of the alley behind 132 W. Washington St., Councilman Nolley moved to approve this on first reading, noting that it's likely the legal description will change before the second reading. Councilman Phares seconded. Chris King came forward to say he wants to build a garage behind his home, and it won't affect any of his neighbors in the back of their homes. Chris said the house is 165 years old, and he's really excited about this project. He also appreciated all of the help given by City employees working with him to clear the steps that were necessary. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Councilman Carmony said the Finance Committee met on May 17, and recommended approval to the full Council to hire a communication firm, by contract, to promote the City's quality of life efforts. Mayor DeBaun and Amy Haacker, executive director with Blue River Community Foundation, attended the meeting. Mayor DeBaun proposed hiring Norm Heikens Communications LLC under a one year contract. The company is based in Franklin, and Norm was formerly a business reporter for the Indianapolis Business Journal and the Indianapolis Star. The goal is to have a one year commitment which could hopefully attract more people to live in Shelbyville, which in turn would create demand and support with desirable amenities, and broaden the City's tax base. The Finance Committee voted 2-1 to move forward, with Councilmen Carmony and Phares voting in favor of sending this to the full Council, and Councilman Ridgeway voted no, saying he'd like to see the effort handled by local people. Given a list of items that are to be completed during the year, the cost will be \$28,500.00. The plan states that additional expenses must be approved ahead of time, in writing, by Mayor DeBaun. Mayor DeBaun said many good things are going on in Shelbyville, but we're getting zero media play in the Indianapolis market. Councilman Phares moved to approve hiring the consultant, and Councilman Wright seconded. Opening it up for discussion, Brent Drake came forward. He is a local businessman in the City and wanted to offer a few ideas. He said he spends a significant amount of money annually, and felt it would be good to put up signs at all three exits off I-74. He felt something could be done at the St. Rd. 9 entrance off I-74 about the vacant five acres available for under \$400,000.00, where the old Holiday Inn was located. He felt a new fire station or small strip center could be put up by the City, and try to rent it out, or sell it to somebody. He feels it's important to look impressive when coming into the City. Asked by Mayor DeBaun where he does his advertising, Brent said he does it mostly through mail and Savor Gator. Councilman Phares said he went to the State a couple of years ago, asking about putting signs at the I-74 entrances to the City, and they told

him they don't allow that anymore because it's too difficult mowing around the signs. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried on a 5-1 voice vote, with Councilman Ridgeway voting no.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilman Ridgeway said he had the privilege to recognize the high school and college graduates at his Church yesterday. He said those young Shelbyville graduates are going to make a huge difference in the world, and the hope is some might come back to raise their families and make contributions in our City's growth.

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



Thomas D. DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr  
Clerk-Treasurer