

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

August 20, 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, August 20, 2018, at 7:01 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. Councilman Wright was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Asher moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2018 meeting, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 4-0-2 voice vote, with Councilmen Nolley and Phares abstaining.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2018-15, a transfer of funds was requested by Fire Chief Tony Logan for the Ambulance Department. Councilman Asher moved to approve the transfer request, and Councilman Carmony seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under other business, concerning the I-74 sign project, Councilman Phares said he would reach out to Tourism to find out their interest on this topic. Councilman Carmony said he felt height on a sign would be better than something that's on the ground level.

Under reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Councilman Carmony said the Finance Committee met on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. The first item the Committee reviewed was the possible funding to have LED lights installed at the Parks Department's Civic Center, at a cost of \$9,752.00. The second item was to fund equipment for drones to be used by the Police Department, at a cost under \$12,000.00. The third item was tabled that had to do with the Arts Council. The first two items were passed by the Finance Committee by votes of 2-0, and were recommended to be sent to the full Council for their approval. After Parks Director Karen Martin talked about the money that could be saved using LED lights, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the total of \$9,752.00, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote. Police Lt. Mike Turner said he partnered with Hendricks County, through a \$32,000.00 grant, to get two large drones at \$8,000.00 each. However, cameras weren't included because they also cost \$8,000.00 each. Lt. Turner talked about purchasing three quick deploy drones that Officers could take from the trunks of their cars and use them immediately to search for various reasons. The cost could be less than \$11,700.00, or it could be \$12,900.00, depending on the day the drones are purchased. When needed, the plan is to put up a big and a quick deploy drone at the same time, and extra batteries will always be available. Talks with the Prosecutor, testing, insurance, and other items have been searched to be sure everything is ready once everything is okayed to start. Councilman Ridgeway applauded the Police Department for trying to get everything ready to implement these drones to help the public. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request to fund the three drones, and Councilman Ridgeway seconded. Under discussion, Councilwoman Bowen asked how often the flyers were required to be certified. Lt. Turner said the flyers are required to be certified every two years. Mayor DeBaun said the City has not come up with a policy for individuals to fly drones in the City, but the Ordinance Committee can bring it up if they wish. Mayor DeBaun said he has not received any complaints about drones being flown in the City. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Mayor DeBaun wanted to thank all of the employees who came to the cookout last Friday at the Parks Department, saying around half or more of the City employees were fed, and it was a nice event.

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



Thomas DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer

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