

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 17, 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, September 17, 2018, at 8:30 A.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 Wright moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2018-17, issuing bonds of the City of Shelbyville redevelopment district not to exceed \$4,100,000.00, Councilman Asher moved to approve the request, and Councilman Wright seconded. Attorney Bruce Donaldson, with Barnes and Thornburg, said the Redevelopment Commission passed this last week, and asked for the Council's approval today. He said this would allow the City and County to purchase two pieces of property owned by Krone, Inc. and the First Presbyterian Church, which is located on E. State Rd. 44. They would be paid from Racino and EDIT monies over a ten year period. City consultant Greg Guerretaz came forward saying there was a possibility of the City paying \$1,000,000.00 down on the bond, and then over the years toward the bond payments, the County would pay around two thirds, and the City would pay around one third. Councilwoman Bowen asked if there would be a penalty if the bond is paid off early. Mr. Guerretaz said no, and the hope was to pay it off in four to six years. The motion was carried on a 4-1-1 voice vote, with Councilman Ridgeway voting no, and Councilman Phares abstaining.

On Ordinance No. 18-2842, Councilman Phares moved to approve the 2019 budget on first reading, and Councilman Asher seconded. Mayor DeBaun said he sent out an email asking the Council members if they had any questions after a day-long budget meeting was held earlier. He said no one had any questions. The motion was carried on a 5-1 voice vote on first reading, with Councilman Ridgeway voting no.

On Ordinance No. 18-2843, Councilwoman Bowen moved to approve the salaries for elected officials for 2019 on first reading, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote on first reading.

Under other business, Melissa O'Connor, Youth Assistance Program Director, came forward to review what happened in 2017, and talked about the kids they work with that range from ages three to seventeen years old. In 2017, there were 238 client referrals, with 73% coming from Shelbyville's Central Schools. She said 63% were male, and 37% were female, with 51% of clients having at least one absent parent. Board member Warren Robison passed Shelby County Youth Assistance Program budgets out for 2019. When Melissa asked the City to pay half of the budget, Mayor DeBaun asked if the Council could have time to review and vote on it later. She said yes.

Amy Haacker, Blue River Community Foundation Executive Director, came forward to talk about their recommendations to the City Council for grants to be paid in 2018. After discussions were held in the prelim meeting about increasing the removal of the ash trees affected by the emerald ash bore, Amy asked if the Council would increase the original amount from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 at Forest Hill Cemetery. The grand total to be disbursed would amount to \$139,219.00 from Racino monies for thirteen agencies. Councilman Phares said the grants have been working very well, so he moved to approve spending \$139,219.00, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Mayor DeBaun said Police and Fire union budgets are still being reviewed.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilman Phares said the Dinner Under the Stars and Music in the Park this past Saturday was a very nice event, and attended by several hundred

people. This event included the band "A Hard Day's Night-Beatles Tribute" and was held at Blue River Memorial Park. It lasted over two hours.

Under other business, Councilman Nolley said the Ordinance Committee would be meeting later this week to discuss parents smoking at bus stop areas in the City.

There being no further business, Councilmen Wright and Asher moved to adjourn.



Thomas DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer

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