

## COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2019

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, May 20, 2019, at 8:08 A.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Ridgeway asked that a moment of silence be given for the passing of Jean Rowland Herd, Brian and Scott Asher's Grandmother, before following that with a prayer. All Council members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Wright moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Willis abstaining.

Under miscellaneous business, Mayor DeBaun asked all fire and ambulance employees present to come to the front of the Council Chambers. He read a proclamation declaring the week of May 19-25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Councilman Ridgeway wanted to recognize and thank the group for helping a resident recently on a call by mowing that person's lawn for him.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2019-2, Councilman Asher moved to approve a tax abatement request by POET, and Councilman Nolley seconded. Under discussion, attorney Peter DePrez said a couple items will be brought up tonight, but the bulk of everything, including a public hearing, will be heard on June 17, at 8:30 A.M. Councilman Phares said he wasn't a fan of what POET is asking on tax abatement, but he's voting for it because of the effect this will have on so many people in our county, and its ancillary services. Councilman Wright said he is opposed to this because he feels the tax abatement request is excessive. However, he said he is in favor of the project. Councilman Nolley said this diversifies our tax base because it's not automotive related, and it will benefit the agricultural community. Councilman Ridgeway said there's no question this will benefit the farmers, but he felt POET wouldn't walk away from this project if we had offered less to them on tax abatement. He said the waterline was the big deal on this, and the location was one of the best places they could have found. As was mentioned in the prelim meeting, Mayor DeBaun said two of the City's largest employers, the Casino and the Hospital, were without water for 24 hours in March because of a waterline break on Michigan Road, and by putting this waterline in, it's not likely to happen again. The motion was carried on a 5-2 voice vote, with Councilmen Ridgeway and Wright voting no.

On Compliance forms, Councilman Nolley said the Tax Abatement Committee met to review eight compliance forms, and recommended approval of seven. He said the Committee felt Nippon Steel did not fill the form out correctly. Councilman Phares moved to approve the compliance forms for Addison Real Estate LLC, Brazeway, Inc., Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership, Hendricks Pointe Apartments, LP, Kimura Foundry America, Inc., North Harrison Senior Apartments, LP, and Plymate, Inc. Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote to approve seven of the eight companies.

On Ordinance No. 19-2858, a request has been made to rezone the YMCA area from an R1 classification to an Intelliplex PUD-Medical Campus classification. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request on first reading, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.


On Resolution No. 2019-20, Councilwoman Bowen moved to approve the use of Racino funds for the downtown project of \$500,000.00, and Councilman Willis seconded. Tom Davis, with Genesis Property Development, talked about the need to have designs prepared for right of ways, the roads, the plaza, and the parking garage before any work can begin on the project. Councilman Phares said he had some concerns on using Genesis, so Tom Davis explained the experience he's had working with several of the companies over thirty years such as Milestone, Butler-Fairman, Ratio, and Runnebohm. Tom assured all that the City would have access to the decisions being made on the downtown project. The motion was carried on a 6-0-1 voice vote, with Councilman Ridgeway voting no.

On Ordinance No. 19-2859, it amends Salary Ordinance No. 18-2841 to add two part-time interns this summer at the Water Resource Recovery Facility. Councilman Asher moved to approve the request on first reading, and Councilman Phares seconded. Under discussion, WRRF Superintendent Brad Fix said two high school STEM students would be working in their lab, with plans to continue their education with STEM in college. He said one will work the first half of summer, and the second intern will work the second half of summer at four hours per day. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote. Councilman Phares moved to suspend the rules, and Councilman Nolley seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote to suspend the rules. Councilman Wright moved to approve this on second and final reading, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote on second and final reading.

Under other business, Steve Carter came forward saying he's representing Senator Mike Braun, and passed business cards out with information so they can be called with any questions, thoughts, or concerns. Mr. Carter was a former Attorney General for the state of Indiana.

Under reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions, Councilman Asher said there would be a Finance Committee meeting immediately following the conclusion of this City Council meeting.

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

  
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Thomas DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Frank M. Zerr  
Clerk-Treasurer

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