

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 15, 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, July 15, 2019, at 8:30 A.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Ridgeway followed that with a prayer. All Council members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Wright moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 5-0-2 voice vote, with Councilmen Nolley and Asher abstaining.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Ordinance No. 19-286L, Tony Nicholson came forward requesting permission to vacate a portion of a public way for Campbell Tire, on S. Harrison St. Councilman Asher moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Phares seconded. Mayor DeBaun said he just heard before the meeting that there was a new law passed that says public way hearings do not have to go before the Plan Commission, and that it now can be done directly by the City Council. Mr. Nicholson said Campbell Tire would like to extend its business into the alley, of which it owns both sides. No one from the public spoke against the request, so Mayor DeBaun closed the public hearing portion. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote on first reading.

Mayor DeBaun said there didn't need to be a hearing on the gateway entrances to the City because all donations could go into a restricted donation fund.

On Resolution No. 2019-21, to establish a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request and Councilman Asher seconded. There being no comments from the audience, the motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under other business, Scott Fuchs was asked to come forward to talk about his opening of Cadillac Jack's, which will be located on the Public Square. Scott said he hopes to be open in the beginning on Friday's and Saturday's selling beer and wine for the first couple of months, and he wanted to stop rumors that he's opening a stripper or biker bar. He wanted to invite people to see the progress he's making, and he provided pictures of what's been done to the old License Branch. He said he will have live bands that perform, and Paul Dillow, from Pasghetti's, has offered to cater his food. Scott said he will try running the business for a couple months before applying for a Riverfront permit.

Mayor DeBaun said Councilman Ridgeway sent a letter to the Council and himself regarding a discussion of the downtown project, so he opened the floor to Councilman Ridgeway. Councilman Ridgeway made a motion to put a hold on the \$19,000,000.00 downtown project until after the fall election, but no second was made, so the motion died. Councilman Ridgeway then made another motion to the Downtown Committee for a project and proposal on the old Major Hospital site. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun said he and the Council received a letter, dated July 11 from Dee Bonner, asking that instead of housing going on the old hospital site, that a park go there. Councilman Asher noted that housing would bring property taxes to the City, whereas a park would require upkeep at the City's expense. Mayor DeBaun said studies were done on the site, and at the June 12 Redevelopment Commission meeting, the entire 19 million dollar project, including the Hamilton-Major housing project, was given to City Attorney Jenny Meltzer to negotiate a contract with Genesis Property Group, which was formalized. Jenny said anything done at the old hospital site other than what has been approved, would be in violation of the contract. Councilman Ridgeway said he wished the public had more input as to what might have gone on the old hospital site, but he also withdrew his motion of putting a park on the site. Councilman Willis said he would be happy to work with Councilman Ridgeway on the park idea at another location, but he felt it was important that the City move forward on its downtown project, noting that this was talked about in the Addison Times back in 1989, and the City needs to move forward. Barbara Rogers, with Three Sisters Bookstore downtown, came forward to say she's in favor of the downtown project, saying it will provide incentive on investment in the downtown and other areas of the community. Mayor DeBaun invited Tom Davis, from

Genesis Property Group to come forward to explain the project status and the breakdown of the costs associated with the Methodist Building, the parking garage with 110 or more parking spaces, the Hamilton-Major project, the downtown streets and the Public Square. Mr. Davis wanted all to know his office is located between the Taproom and Colour Palette, so he can be reached quite easily. Councilman Willis said he would like to meet with Councilman Ridgeway and Mr. Bonner to talk and compromise something on the park issue.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilman Ridgeway said a place in Minnesota stopped saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and he hopes it will never happen here. Mayor DeBaun said the Pledge and Prayer have been a part of this institution for decades, and he's never heard any comments to stop either.

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



Thomas DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zeri
Clerk-Treasurer