

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

August 5, 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, August 5, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Ridgeway followed that with a prayer. Councilman Phares was absent, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Wright moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Asher moved to approve the City Financial Reports for June, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.


Under new business, Mayor DeBaun asked Bill Kent to come forward to give a business update on PK U.S.A., Inc. Bill said Nissan has hit rock bottom, and the word spoken from Nissan's CEO is profits are down 99% from last year. 12,000 jobs will be cut globally, 2,420 will be cut in North America, and their product line will be reduced by 10%. Bill said car sales are soft this year, and new cars are not a necessity to consumers. He said Shelbyville still has 555 employees, but office staff has been reduced, and Mississippi's employees were cut from 120 to 46. In opening up for questions, Councilwoman Bowen asked what percentage of their business has been with Nissan, and what their hourly wage is. Bill said their business with Nissan was 75%, but now it's less than 50%, and the minimum wage offered is \$12.50 per hour. He said picking up the Ford Bronco line has helped keep their employees busy. The hourly wage is hard to predict, he said, because of the different type positions that are held there, but employees start earning benefits after being there 89 days. Councilman Nolley asked if the minimum wage was raised to \$15.00 per hour, how PK could do. Bill said it would be difficult to start someone at that salary. The turnover rate is 40% there, but they are very strict on drugs, saying each of their locations have drug dogs. Councilman Asher congratulated Bill and PK U.S.A. for their diversification to keep most of their employees.

On a conflict of interest disclosure statement turned in by William D. Marcum, Councilman Asher moved to approve, and Councilman Wright seconded. Under discussion, Councilman Ridgeway said on line 7 if a person knows the amount of their work, he'd like that amount to be shown, for transparency. The motion was carried on a 6-0 voice vote to approve the conflict of interest form for William D. Marcum.

Mayor DeBaun said it was determined in the prelim meeting that Resolution No. 2019-23, transferring Racino funds to the Rainy Day Fund, would be continued as part of the budget workshop session being held this Thursday.

Under reports from Committees, Boards, Commissions, Councilman Wright said the Ordinance Committee met last Thursday. He said they met to talk about the nuisance of geese in the community, and possible ways to control that. They also met to talk about the State's law on shooting off fireworks, which would be from 5:00 P.M. until two hours after sunset, from June 29 until July 9, while on July 4 it would be from 10:00 A.M. until 12 midnight. The only other time the State has laws on fireworks is on New Year's Eve, December 31 from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 A.M. on January 1. He said the Council can change or add times to those dates if they wish, but their meeting was for discussion only, and nothing was finalized. Mayor DeBaun said the discussion on geese was complaint driven by a guest, Mike Hall, who is a member of the homeowner's association of Fountain Lake, saying there were over 200 geese on their pond alone. Mayor DeBaun said they are looking at multiple options as to what to consider. On the fireworks issue, Councilman Ridgeway said many communities are taking a look at adopting stricter regulations, and he appreciated the Ordinance Committee for taking it up.

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



Thomas DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer

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