

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 16, 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, September 16, 2019, at 8:29 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 September 4, 2019 meeting, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Mayor DeBaun asked Scott Fuchs to come forward to give an update on Cadillac Jacks. Scott said he applied for a riverfront license last Monday, so he will be closed until his hearing on November 7. He asked the Council for their support on the hearing on November 7. Although the hearing is set for the 7th, Scott said he might not be approved for another two weeks, so it's putting a financial strain on him.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Ordinance No. 19-2863, Councilwoman Bowen moved to approve the 2020 budget on first reading, and Councilman Phares seconded. Under discussion, Mayor DeBaun said a series of sessions were held with the Council and Department Heads. With the advice from our financial consultant, Mayor DeBaun felt this is a fiscally sound budget. Financial consultant Greg Guerretaz came forward to say he felt the City should be applauded. He said everything from the revenue side, to the expense side, to the cash balance side was understood. Councilman Nolley noted that changes can be made up until the second and final reading, but nothing can be raised above what's been advertised. With no further comments being made, the motion was carried on a 6-1 voice vote, with Councilman Ridgeway voting no.

On Resolution No. 2019-26, to allocate Racino funds to alleviate the current identified deficiency in Park services, Councilman Asher moved to approve the request, and Councilman Phares seconded. A total of \$146,065.00 is to be moved from Racino contingent expenses into the park impact fee account. The motion was carried on 7-0 voice vote.

On Resolution No. 2019-27, the City of Shelbyville currently provides trash services to the citizens and does not assess a fee for those services. Councilman Nolley moved that at no time, without proper analysis and determination, on or before January 1, 2023, will the City of Shelbyville assess a fee for trash services. Councilman Willis seconded. At the time the budget of 2023 will be reviewed, a determination will be made if a trash fee should be added to the City's utility bills. Since heavy trash is now picked up once a year, Councilman Asher noted that if someone has heavy items but they don't have a truck, the Street Department can be called, the individual can get a tag, pay a fee, and the Street Department will pick it up. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 19-2868, it states there is a need to repeal and replace the old Chapter 91 with a new and updated Fire Prevention Ordinance. Councilman Nolley moved to approve changing Chapter 91, and Councilman Phares seconded. Councilman Wright noted the specific dates and times consumers could use fireworks. If someone makes a complaint about others using fireworks any time other than the dates allowed, then the Police can issue a citation just like a traffic ticket with a court date, according to Police Chief Mark Weidner. Councilman Ridgeway said he was amazed how many veterans live in Shelby County who are affected by PTSD, and dogs as well, that are triggered by fireworks being set off. Councilwoman Bowen said a Church recently had fireworks for their 100th anniversary, and asked how that is handled. Fire Chief Tony Logan said they would need to get a permit and approval by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the local Fire Chief has to sign off on it as well. Chief Weidner said it's completely separate from the statute. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote on first reading.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Fred Eaton gave a report on the September 6 First Friday event, Brandy Coomes talked about the Barbecue and Brew Fest coming up on September 21 from 5:30 until 10:00 P.M., and Parks Director Karen Martin said over 600 people attended Saturday night's Music in the Park event for a Billy Joel Tribute.

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



Thomas DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer

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