

## COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

December 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, December 16, 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 December 2, 2019 meeting, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

There was no old business.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2019-1, PK U.S.A., Inc. is requesting approval of their tax abatement. Councilwoman Bowen moved to approve the request, and Councilman Phares seconded. Under discussion, Attorney Peter DePrez came forward saying they're coming before the Council for their annual approval on tax abatement. Bill Kent, with PK U.S.A. Inc., came forward saying he always appreciates the Council's support, and talked about several things happening this fourth quarter. He said the Ford Bronco is getting started this month. Councilman Nolley said the Tax Abatement Committee met, sending their unanimous approval to the full Council. After Councilman Ridgeway asked about PK's role with Pantry Pals, which Bill said has been helping Pantry Pals for two years; Councilman Ridgeway presented Bill with a plaque for helping feed the hungry. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote. Being a vet, Mr. Kent presented Councilman Wright with a veteran's medallion, which is also given to the veterans at PK U.S. A.

On Resolution No. 2019-33, Councilman Asher moved to approve a transfer request, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Mayor DeBaun stated that a proposed development of Showers Realty at the corner of Miller Ave. and W. McKay Rd. has been postponed until another meeting in January.

Under other business, Mayor DeBaun asked Fred Eaton if he had anything to announce on Mainstreet. He said the Mistletoe Market was a success, and they'll add a couple things at next year's event. For 2020, there will be training late January for handling the transformation downtown, and will be partnering with the Indiana Small Business Development Corporation. Fred said First Friday's will be held again in 2020, hopefully bigger and better than ever.

Mayor DeBaun said he and Chiefs Logan and Weidner helped the Lions Club last Saturday raise money at the corner of Mechanic and Harrison St. for the Salvation Army, and he wanted to thank them for their help.

Since this was his last Council meeting, Councilman Ridgeway wanted to make a few comments. He talked about how much it has meant to him to live in the City of Shelbyville, and giving him all the opportunities to work and serve this City. He then went on to say what he thought about each of the Council members, Clerk-Treasurer, and Mayor, complimenting them in various ways. All in the audience applauded Councilman Ridgeway for his kind remarks.

Mayor DeBaun said it's tradition to honor those leaving and recognizing them for their service. Councilman Phares received a plaque honoring him for his service as a Councilman-At-Large from 2004 until 2019. Councilman Phares said it was his honor to serve the citizens of Shelbyville, and thanked everyone who worked with him over the years. Mayor DeBaun presented a plaque to Councilman Wright for his service as a Councilman and serving on other Boards and Commissions from 2016 through 2019 as well. Mayor DeBaun presented a plaque to Councilman Ridgeway for his service as a Councilman from 2016 through 2019. Councilman Wright said this was a learning experience, and he appreciated working with everyone. He said he will miss this to some extent, and to some other extent, he's glad it's done, drawing laughter from the audience. Mayor DeBaun said this will be Department Head Brad Fix's last Council meeting, since he's retiring, and he thanked him for his nearly 40 years of service. Councilman Nolley said he and Councilman Phares started on the Council together in 2004, and he paid compliments to all three Council members for all they've done to better our community in

various ways. Since Clerk-Treasurer Zerr was ill, Mayor DeBaun said a plaque will be presented to him at a later date.

Councilman Nolley said a swearing in ceremony will be held for elected Republican officials this coming Wednesday in City Hall, at 7:30 A.M., and all are invited who wish to attend.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilman Asher said there was a Finance Committee meeting planned after the Council meeting, but it has been cancelled.

Mayor DeBaun wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He said there will be a New Year's Day Run on the front steps of City Hall for a 5K Walk-Run at 10:00 A.M. He said they would start off with a champagne toast. He said the Democrat swearing in would be held at City Hall on January 1 at 2:00 P.M.

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



Thomas DeBaun  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr SCOTT M ASHER  
Clerk-Treasurer

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