

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 5, 2018

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, March 5, 2018, at 6:58 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. All Council members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Nolley moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2018 meeting, and Councilman Wright seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, on the City's financial reports, Councilman Asher moved to approve them, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under old business, on Ordinance No. 18-2832, adopting the 2017 S-14 Supplement to the City's Code of Ordinances, Councilman Nolley moved to approve this on second and final reading, and Councilman Carmony seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2018-7, Councilwoman Bowen moved to approve the special appropriations for 2018, and Councilman Wright seconded. Under discussion, Councilman Carmony said these are monies that were not appropriated with the passing of the budget in October. He felt there could be a better way to inform the Council when there are large expenditures in these funds, but the amounts listed are on the high end, and it doesn't mean all of these monies will be spent. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Ordinance No. 18-2834 approves and ratifies an executive order of the Mayor amending the City's EDIT Capital Improvement Plan. Councilwoman Bowen moved to approve this on first reading, and Councilman Wright seconded. The Ordinance will be retroactive to January 1, 2017. There was no discussion on this when the Mayor opened it on the floor. The motion was carried on a 5-1-1 voice vote, with Councilman Ridgeway voting no, and Councilman Asher abstaining.

Under other business, Mayor DeBaun said everyone received a copy of the 2017 financial report from the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). It's been a few years since there was a rate increase, and it was recommended that there not be a rate increase at this time. Mayor DeBaun and Councilman Ridgeway commended the employees at the Facility for working hard on continually keeping costs down, while still doing upgrades when needed.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Mayor DeBaun said there was a visitor in the audience. He asked Linda Sanders, a Shelby County Councilwoman and president of the Shelby County Interrelations Commission, to come forward and introduce her guest. She introduced Ayaka, from our Sister City, Shizuoka City. She is the fourth Japanese teacher to be involved in the exchange program. Ayaka said she teaches Japanese at the Shelbyville High School and she also goes to the elementary schools to assist the Japanese children. She said she has learned an awful lot from teachers and students in Shelbyville, and she's looking forward to sharing her experience with Japanese teachers. She said she would like to stay longer, but she returns to Japan on Monday. She said she appreciates all of the support and kindness she has received. Councilman Ridgeway asked Ayaka what the highlight was of her time here. She said she was amazed at all of the Ipads that students have here, which they also have, but only around 40 in her Japanese school, and they don't have Wi-Fi in their classrooms. Mayor DeBaun thanked all of the Japanese teachers who have come to Shelbyville to work with the students, sharing their experiences of living in Japan, and thanked them for being away from their families for so long. Linda Sanders said the next Japanese teacher coming to Shelbyville has been chosen, and it will be a 29 year old male, whose wife has given an okay for him to teach at Shelbyville.

Councilman Ridgeway said he will have a Town Hall meeting on March 20 at Linne's, at 9:00 A.M. Mayor DeBaun and Police Chief Mark Weidner will be there, and the public is invited to attend.

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



Thomas D. DeBaun
Mayor

ATTEST:



Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer