

Council Meeting – January 7, 2021

**CEREMONIAL SWEARING-IN OF NEW COUNCIL – HON. JUDGE DONNA DUTTON
*Council Chambers***

Mayor David B. Eaton called the regular council meeting to order in the Cubert Room at 6:30 p.m. with the following council members present: Tom Hardesty, Troy Ethington, Pam Carter, Shane Suttor, and Mike Zoeller. Present via Zoom: Frank Page (Swearing-in later with Judge Dutton)

City Employees Present: Jennifer Herrell and Carla Wainscott.

City Attorney: Steven Gregory

Minutes - Regular Called Meeting of December 17, 2020

Councilmember Carter moved to approve the minutes of the regular called meeting of December 17, 2020, as read by the council members prior to the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Suttor.

All voted “aye,” and the motion to approve the minutes carried.

Proclamation – Mayor, David B. Eaton

Mayor Eaton read a proclamation declaring Monday, January 18, 2021 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Election of Mayor Pro Temp

Councilmember Ethington made a motion for Councilmember Page to be named Mayor Pro-Temp. Seconded by Councilmember Suttor.

All voted “aye,” and the motion naming the mayor pro temp carried.

Presentation – EPAD District Project – Laura Theilmann, Attorney at Law

There was a discussion with Ms. Laura Theilmann, Attorney at Law, and councilmembers regarding the Energy Project Assessment District Project within the City of Shelbyville. This is a 2.5 million project located on Williamsburg Drive with a 25-year EPAD contract. Councilmember Ethington voiced his concern about foreclosure and possibly having an empty building. Councilmember Hardesty asked if there would be a zone change and a possible 501(c)3 status later in years.

This project will create up to 60 jobs to our community and bring assisted living housing to our senior citizens in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

Appointment – Mayor Eaton

Mayor Eaton made an appointment of Councilmember Page to replace Councilmember Swindler to the Water & Sewer Commission.

Councilmember Ethington moved to approve the appointment. Seconded by Councilmember Hardesty.

All voted ‘aye,’ and the motion to appoint Councilmember Page to the Water & Sewer Commission carried.

Municipal Order No. 2021-01-07/An Order Establishing and Budgeting Funds for a Downtown Reinvestment Grant Program and District, Steven Gregory

Steven Gregory, City Attorney, read an order establishing and budgeting funds for a downtown reinvestment grant program and district.

This is designed for reinvestment and renovation for retail businesses in the downtown area of Shelbyville. This program will have guidelines that must be met by each applicant. This is for the downtown district of Fourth Street thru Eighth Street, Henry Clay Street and Wakefield Scearce with expansion at a subsequent time.

Mayor Eaton appointed Councilmembers Ethington and Hardesty to the Downtown Re-investment Committee. This council committee will work with the Historic District.

Councilmember Carter moved to approve the municipal order. Seconded by Councilmember Zoeller.

All voted “aye,” and the motion carried.

Ordinance/An Ordinance Amending Chapter 60 of the City of Shelbyville Code of Ordinances to Include Occupational Tax Rebates Under an Economic Development Incentives Program – 1st Reading, Steven Gregory

Steven Gregory, City Attorney, read an ordinance amending Chapter 60 of the City of Shelbyville Code of Ordinances to include occupational tax rebates under an economic development incentive program.

This is an incentive to our businesses to include occupational tax rebates that qualify under the program. This is to include new payroll up to 3 employees with an average salary of \$45,000 to each employee for up to 5 years if criteria are met.

Councilmember Suttor moved to approve the ordinance for a first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Ethington.

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

City Attorney’s Report, Steven Gregory

Mr. Gregory reported that he will be discussing guidelines with Councilmember Carter and Councilmember Suttor regarding the conference center and trolley for policy and procedures.

City Clerk’s Report, Carla Wainscott

No Report.

Department Reports

Ms. Lisa Wright, interim director, Shelby Main Street. She will be filling in for Ms. Eilene Collins until a replacement is hired. Our downtown businesses are struggling with trying to find employees.

Mrs. Jennifer Herrell, Engineer - Public Works, praised her staff for snow removal on Christmas Day. The conference center construction is progressing. The 7th Street Roadway Project will be finalizing plans in January with the bid process in February/March with construction beginning in Spring of 2021. The Police Station renovation is progressing. Mrs. Herrell indicated the 6th Street Project design is moving forward with finalizing the plans in January to early February 2021. Christmas tree pickup runs from January 1st – 31st, 2021. Mrs. Herrell is reviewing projects in Ardmore Crossing, Discovery Point and SMH – Assisted Living facility off Williamsburg Drive.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Eaton indicated that City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The picture frame sculpture should be back next week. The conference center is progressing with placing a roof on. In February 2021, we should be able to do a walk-thru of the building.

Council Reports

Councilmember Carter welcomed Councilmember Hardesty.

Adjourn

Councilmember Carter moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Zoeller.

All voted “aye,” and the motion carried.

David B. Eaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla A. Wainscott, City Clerk