



New Shelby councilman takes oath Monday

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SHELBY — When Mike Putnam takes the oath of office Monday, it will be his first time stepping into an elected role.

The Shelby City Councilman-elect does, however, plan to hit the ground running after being on several city and county advisory boards.

“I just hope that I will be an asset to the city. I hope that I can fulfill the duties of a city councilman and hope that with the God-given wisdom and talent that he’ll help me,” said Putnam. “I just look forward to it and I hope that I can be of a benefit.”

Sitting members Chris Mabry and Joel Shores will also take the oath of office at Monday’s City Council meeting at 6 p.m. at Council Chambers in City Hall, 300 S. Washington St.

Council member Mike Royster is retiring from his seat, which he has held for two four-year terms. Monday will be his final meeting.

In other matters, the board plans to hear a special presentation about the Carolina Thread Trail master plan. The trail is a regional network of trails that links people, places, cities and attractions and reaches 15 North Carolina counties, including Cleveland County.

Shelby is the center of the county’s plan, which would include 106 miles.

Adopting the plan could mean additional grant money for the city, which would help pay for trail development.

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