COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27TH, 2020

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday January 27th, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Present: Acord, Collins, Stewart, Grecu, Rudolph, McKibben, Sanders, Miklik

The meeting was called to order by President Rudolph.

President Rudolph states, those who wish to stand may stand, or remain seated if you wish. Invocation was offered by Pastor Jeanie Winters of Kokomo Zion United Methodist Church.

The minutes of the Council Meeting from January 13th, 2020 were declared approved as presented

Communications:

President Rudolph acknowledged that all council received the Airports 2019 Rotary Fuel Report, from the Kokomo Municipal Airport Aviation Commission.

President Rudolph also announced the next meeting and public hearing will be on February 10th, 2020.

Councilman Miklik stated he wanted the public and Council to know the City has received AA-Bond – S&P bond rating.
Amy Dockerty 1121 S. Purdum Kokomo IN. 46901, states that she is having issues on her street, she wanted to voices her concerns about noise, and several houses that are vacant, and a neighbor who she believes is running a business from his home. Which she stated was not zoned for business. That he has several pieces of equipment, trailers and vehicles in his yard. She also wanted the Council to know that there are two city employees who also live on the street and that they seem to get special treatment as far as picking up their trash and parking their work car the wrong way on the street.

Councilman Acord inquired if Ms. Dockerty had contacted the Kokomo police on any occasion? Ms Dockerty stated she had in fact called the police, but stated she knew the police were short staffed, and didn’t want to call them late at night.

Greg Sheline from the Plan Commission: he stated that his office had received Ms Dockerty complaint, and had sent someone out to look just that day. That there is something his office can do, but also stated some of her complaints were more police related.

ORDINANCE 6954 Petition for vacation of Alley

Ordinance 6954 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Sanders asked for passage on 6954 on the first reading. Councilwoman Sanders also stated there are public utilities located here and an easement is maintained.

Vote for Passage follows: Aye: all
Nay: none, the vote was 8-0 for passage

ORDINANCE: 6955 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Sanders asked for passage on 6955 on first reading. Matt Johnson is asking for a zoning change at 402 and 404 West Superior St. There are some remonstrators, a Thomas Meck owners of Crazy J’s ice cream and Gary Rhum of Ruhms Accademy. Their concerns are parking, increased traffic, concerts, festivals and safety. On February 4th Board of Zoning and Appeals will hear their concerns. It will then come back to the Plan Commission.

James Meck 206 Conradt, urges the Council to turn this project down. He states this is going to be a two story unit next to a single story unit. His concerns are the weather and falling snow. He states the property has been zoned C-1 for over 100 years.

Mr Meck stated the Plan Commission had fined the previous owners (Hearns) construction over $150,000 in fines and they settled by turning over the property to the city. He once again urged the Council to turn this project down.

Greg Sheline from the Plan Commission wanted to clarify that his office did not fine anyone.

Vote for passage follows: Aye: 5

Nay: 3   The vote was 5-3 for passage on the first reading

Ordinance: 6956 RE: 2-Z-20 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Sanders asked for passage on Ordinance 6956, Councilwoman Sanders states this petition of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Lafayette is requesting a zone classification from a R4 to a IS (institutional uses) for the property described as JR Halls Addition Lot 2 more commonly know as 1207 N Armstrong Kokomo IN.

Paul Wyman 1533 W Lincoln Rd stated this property was purchased several years ago for expansion. The St Vincent DePaul store needed to re-locate and this home the Diocese owns is the perfect location. There are no remonstrators.

Vote for Passage follows: Aye: all  Nay: none.

Ordinance 6957: was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Sanders moved for passage on Ordinance 6957 first reading. Councilwoman Sanders states Paul Wyman of the Wyman Group on behave of 123 Superior llc is requesting a zone change from OC (office commercial to C-1 (small to medium scale general commercial) for property described as Kokomo Executive Plaza Section 3, lots 14 & 15, containing 2.8 acres, more or less. More commonly know as 1401 E Hoffer St  Kokomo IN. This property would house a manufactured home business and would fit in with the already existing businesses in the area.

Vote for passage follows: Aye: all  Nay: none, The vote was 8-0 for passage on the first reading.

Resolution: 2741, City Clerk read Resolution by title only. Councilman Collins moved for passage on resolution 2741, second by councilman Acord. Councilman Collins states that Fiat Chrysler has invested
approximately 400 million into expanding and re-tooling of this facility, which would support the retention of many jobs and create 120 new jobs. Councilman Collins moves to adopt Resolution 2741.

The vote all in favor: Aye: all Nay: none.

Resolution: 2742, City Clerk read by title only. Councilman Collins moves for passage of 2742.

The vote all in favor: Aye: all Nay: none.

Councilman Collins states that Resolution 2742 mirrors 2741 in as for personal property and real property taxes.

President Rudolph states, this marks the end of the Council Meeting, and that all ordinances and resolutions tonight will be on for public hearing on February 10th along with the next Council meeting.

ATTEST: ____________________________

President

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City Clerk