The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday March 9th 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Rudolph.

Councilwoman Sanders states, those who wish to stand may stand, or you may remain seated.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Brad Swain from in His Image Church.

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the Council Meeting held February 24th 2020 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: Peter Inman from the Human Rights Board presented a proposed amendment to the City of Kokomo, Indiana Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Inman presented the following proposed changes: 1) The number of members that sit on the board increased from seven to nine, five being appointed by the Mayor and four appointed by the Common Council. The terms of appointments would be staggered.

2) Make it gender neutral, i.e. Chairman to chairperson.

President Rudolph stated that The Common Council Attorney would be reviewing this matter.

Councilwoman Sanders questioned Mr. Inman about never receiving any type of report. Would the Council receive one in the future? Mr. Inman stated he would make sure to mention that at their next meeting.
Councilman T. Stewart wanted to know the difference for going from seven to nine members? Mr. Inman explained to be able to form sub-committees that would hear complaints. The complaint would be heard or sent to a five-member panel, none of those five members could sit on the sub-committee.

Councilman Miklik wanted an example of this from Mr. Inman, and where this would be applied. Mr. Inman stated: If someone felt they had a complaint about housing and felt they were discriminated against in a housing situation, and had properly filed a complaint and such, it would be reviewed. If no agreement could be reached between parties involved they would hold a fact finding hearing. This hearing is when they want to have a five-person panel. None of those five people could be part of the three-person sub-committee. Councilman Miklik wanted to know if this type of situation had ever arisen? Mr. Inman stated not to his knowledge he has only been on the board a year.

Councilwoman Sanders wanted to acknowledge the City had a wonderful day on March 5th 2020 when FCA made their formal announcement of a 400-million-dollar investment to re-tool ITP II into the Kokomo Engine Company. Thankful for the partnership the city is building.

President Rudolph made the following council appointments due to Greg Jones resignation. Councilwoman McKibben is on the Kokomo Redevelopment Commission and Councilman Roger Stewart is assigned to the Howard County Recycling Commission.

President Rudolph wanted to take this time to acknowledge the passing of retired Judge Dennis Parry on Saturday March 7th 2020, the Council would like to keep his family in mind. Judge Dennis Parry was a good Judge for Kokomo.

At this time a moment of silence was taken for Judge Dennis Parry.

President Rudolph stated that Judge Doug Tate spoke at the informational meeting is working on establishing a program to better enforce City Ordinances.
and pursue fees. This has been referred to Councilwoman McKibben and Public Safety and Welfare Committee.

ORDINANCE: 6958 Case 4-Z-20 was read by the Clerk by title only.

The petitioner is David and Ann Ihms of Criterion Water Labs. President Rudolph asks for a motion to approve #6958 on the second reading. Councilman Tony Stewart motions to pass on second reading, seconded by Councilman Roger Stewart.

Vote for passage follows: All in favor Aye: All, opposed Nay: none, the vote was 9-0 for passage on the second reading.

Councilman Tony Stewart made a statement that he feels the Council has already started doing great things for the City of Kokomo.

Being nothing further President Rudolph stated the next Common Council meeting will be March 30th 2020. And adjournment of the Council Meeting.