The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana, met Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order by President Hayes.

President Hayes announced that prior to the regular meeting of the Common Council a Public Hearing would be held prior to Ordinance #6860 being introduced and requested Council Attorney, Corbin King to offer those in attendance an explanation as to why the hearing would take place.

Corbin King explained that by statute, when a Petition requesting vacation of a right-of-way is filed and comes from the outside, a public hearing must take place within 30 days after the Petition is received and notice of the hearing must be published. The meeting had been placed on the agenda two weeks prior to May 22nd and the Public Hearing was announced at that time.

President Hayes called the Public Hearing to order and asked for a roll call.

Present: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Kennedy, Hayes, Whikehart, Sanders and Miklik.

President Hayes called on the Clerk for a reading of the ordinance (#6860), title only. Corbin King: “An Ordinance vacating a right-of-way, street and alley, located in the City of Kokomo”.

President Hayes asked if anyone in the audience or on the Council wished to address the vacation. No one came forward.

With no further business at the Public Hearing, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

President Hayes opened the meeting of the Common Council and indicated that an invocation would be held and those who wish to stand may stand, or remain seated for the invocation.

President Hayes addressed Councilwoman Sanders who invited Pastor Jack Hess from the Abundant Life Church in Kokomo to give the invocation. The invocation was presented.

President Hayes asked the Council and those in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hayes asked the Clerk to call roll.

Present: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Kennedy, Hayes, Whikehart, Sanders and Miklik.

President Hayes asked that the Council Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2017 be approved. Motion made and carried.

President Hayes announced the next Council meeting would take place on June 12, 2017 in Council Chambers.
**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Hayes asked if there was any communication from any of the Council members. There was none. President Hayes then asked if there was any communication from the audience.

Jerry Paul, Webster Street, Kokomo, In came forward. He stated that he was there as President and on behalf of the Howard County Veteran’s Memorial Corporation requesting a letter of support from the City Council for the Women’s Legacy Memorial, which his group has commissioned to be placed on the lawn of the Howard County Courthouse. President Hayes requested renderings of the memorial but Mr. Paul stated the artist had not provided any yet. President Hayes suggested that Jerry Paul return for the June 12, 2017 meeting to allow him some time to poll each of the Council Members to determine if each is in favor of giving a letter of support to the cause.

President Hayes asked if there was any further communication from any members of the audience.

Reddel Green, 106 S. Forest Drive, Kokomo, IN came forward to follow-up on emails she was to receive with regard to her basement that flooded. She stated that she had not received any emails. President Hayes said he did follow-up on the matter and it was his understanding that emails would be sent to her. Councilman Wyant interjected that he was familiar with the situation and it was his understanding that the City was going to install a back-up valve in her basement to remedy the problem. He further stated that another resident (no name given) was supposed to be at the meeting but was not, and that this person was very pleased with the City’s response to his water problem (which was caused by the Water Company and not the City), and, that he was confident the City would address Mrs. Green’s issues as well. President Hayes reiterated that he would follow-up on the emails.

President Hayes asked the Council Members if there were any Committee Reports and remarked that he was aware that negotiations were coming up and asked those involved to keep the Council informed to the extent possible.

Councilman Kennedy reminded President Hayes that there was a matter involving parking that was sent to committee led by Councilman Whikehart. President Hayes agreed and stated that at the last meeting a person (Richard Emry) appeared and requested that the parking ordinance be enforced to address the parking of large vehicles/trailers on the street. President Hayes asked that all of those on the committee attend meetings and that Councilman Whikehart will come back with the committee’s recommendation.

Councilwoman Sanders asked if she could comment. She related that on Friday, May 19, 2017 she attended the Orange Crush Tour at Northwestern High School, which was an initiative of the Mayor’s Community Based Council for Substance Abuse Prevention which involved message boards, interactive games about drugs and volunteer surveys. Sanders commented that it was quite successful.

President Hayes thanked Councilwoman Sanders for the update and then commented that the Council would now address the Ordinance #6860 on the Agenda.

**ORDINANCE #6860**

President Hayes requested that the Clerk read Ordinance #6860 by title only: An Ordinance vacating a right-of-way, street and alley, located in the City of Kokomo, First Reading.
President Hayes deferred to Councilwoman Young, who requested a suspension of the Rule, and requested that the Council pass Ordinance #6860 on First and Second Reading. Motion was seconded and Motion carried. President Hayes asked if anyone had any questions. Councilwoman Young asked for passage of Ordinance #6860. The vote for the passage of Ordinance #6860 on second reading:

AYE: ALL
NAY: NONE

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading of Ordinance #6860.

President Hayes asked if there was any further communication from the Council or the audience with regard to the passage of Ordinance #6860.

President Hayes recognized a member of the audience.

Terry Roach, S. Buckeye Street, Kokomo, IN stated that he wanted to know where they were “doing away with” the alley or street. Councilman Wyant took the question as the right-of-way was located in his district. Councilman Wyant explained that the right-of-way was located west of/behind the Red Dog Saloon between the railroad tracks and the building. At one time, it was supposed to be Main Street but the roadway was placed on the other side. The area being vacated encompasses a strip 101 feet long by 63 feet wide. President Hayes offered that Mr. Paul, the Petitioner, will be maintaining the property, so it will be an improvement.

President Hayes asked if there any further questions, concerns or comments. None were offered.

President Hayes asked if all were in favor of passing Ordinance #6860 on Second Reading.

AYE: ALL
NAY: None

Motion carries.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Robert L. Hayes, President

Attest:

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Brenda Ott, City Clerk