The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday, January 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Hayes.

President Hayes states, those who wish to stand may stand, or you may remain seated.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Denny Sanders from Grace Memorial Church.

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the Public Hearing & Council Meeting Minutes December 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2017 & Re-Organizational Council Meeting Minutes January 8\textsuperscript{th}, 2018 were declared approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Council Attorney Corbin King states, based upon sworn information publications in Kokomo meet the statutory definition of “newspaper” and qualify as publications in which placement of legal advertising is required. By Law we have to pass a motion, recognizing the Kokomo Tribune, and Kokomo Herald for us to do legal advertising; so I need a motion from the Council. Councilman Wyant made the motion; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

All those in favor:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 9 to 0.
Cont. Communications.
President Hayes states, we have (2) separate Petitions for Vacation on the agenda tonight. They are for introduction only. The first being Ordinance #6880. This ordinance concerns the address located at 725 South Lindsy Street. This ordinance will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting January 29th, 2018 for the first reading. The second Ordinance will be #6881. This ordinance concerns the address located at 901 West Havens Street. This ordinance will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting January 29th, 2018 for first reading.

President Bob Hayes addressed the Firefighters Union with an Opening Statement. A copy of the statement is located in the City Clerk’s office.

Chris Frazier 2214 South Indiana Ave. Kokomo, Ind. states, I am here tonight proudly representing the men and women Professional Firefighters of Kokomo. You have addressed some of the things that we have come to talk about. We all know that we don’t have a contract currently. There were some statements made about an offer that was made to us. You are correct. We were given an offer yesterday a 6% raise keeping our insurance at the rate it’s at, and our retirees insurance increasing. The reason we are here is too notified you that the information that you are getting is only half of the story. What you do not know is we immediately turned around and offered another offer right back to the City; because we did take it to our body, and they did vote on it, and voted it down. We came back with an offer for the City and our proposal to the City was this we would take no raise for (3) years. Those are the (2) things we want. That is the most important thing our body wants. We have made that clear during negotiations.
Cont. Communications.
All we our asking for is a fair deal that would give us retirees health insurance that would be solid, that they would understand. In the bargaining process you as Council are considered the City when it comes to all matters of wages, and monetary benefits. We want to take care of the men, and women who have served 20-30 years for this Community. These people sacrifice for you. They sacrifice for the citizens of this town. It is not unreasonable what we are asking. We do not want a raise. We want our insurance to be reasonable for our active, and our retirees; and that is it. I thank you for giving me this time. I do fill like you guys have the ability to make this happen. That is all I came to say tonight. I thank you for your time, and I just ask that you consider what I had to say, and think about it. You have more power than you think. You can influence what happens in the City. Thank you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:    City Clerk handed out the Council Committees for the year 2018.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:    President Hayes states, we have several Council Appointments tonight they are as follows: Loan Administration Board for the Revolving Loan Fund, Re-appointed Denise (Lanning) Clark, Howard County Recycling District Board Re-appointed Donnie Haworth, Kokomo Traffic Commission, Re-appointed Debbie Root, Howard County Emergency Management Advisory Council, Re-appointed Landon Bartley, Council Representative to the Policy Board of Kokomo Howard County, Bob Hayes, Tom Miklik, Kokomo Redevelopment Commission, Mike Wyant, Curtis Copeland, Human Rights Commission, Steve Whikehart, Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance, Steve Whikehart’ Board of Zoning Appeals, John Meyers. These appointments were unanimous by the Council.
ORDINANCE 6879: Rezoning: C1 WR-OL to C2 WR-OL
Location: 1300 W. Markland Ave.
Petitioner: Matt Johnson of Fortune Management

First reading

Ordinance 6879 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6879; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilwoman Young states, Matt Johnson is from Fortune Management Companies. He is requesting change in zone classification from C1 (Small to Medium Scale General Commercial) WR-OL (Well Restricted Over Lay) to C2 (Medium to Large Scale General Commercial) WR-OL (Well Restricted Over Lay) for property located at 1300 West Markland Avenue. The plan use is for a convenient store with gas pumps. The request zoning change is comparable with the surrounding area. I recommend passage of this rezoning.

President Hayes stated, this is just a correction to a previous ordinance.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.
ORDINANCE 6882:
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, UNIFORMED POLICE & FIRE, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS: (As Amended)
First reading

Ordinance 6882 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6882 on first reading; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Councilman Whikehart states. this is a two hundred dollar increase in longevity pay for police. This was the only monetary increase police received in the new 3 year contract, effective January 1st, 2018. We are doing this because the salary ordinance had been signed before the contract had been agreed upon. I would ask the Council to pass ordinance #6882 on first reading.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading (As Amended).
ORDINANCE 6883:  
Rezoning: PR to R3  
Location: 1275 West 300 South  
Petitioner: Jeff Thomas  
for Autumn Woods  
First reading  

Ordinance 6883 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6883 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner is Jeff Thomas for Oakmont Development. He is requesting a change in zone classification PR (Parks and Recreation) to R3 (Medium Density Residential) property located at 1275 West 300 South. The plan we have is for a major subdivision Autumn Woods. Their requesting zoning change is comparable with surrounding zoning in the area. At our Planning Meeting we had 29 residents there who spoke that live in the surrounding areas. They had questions, and concerns. The three that I noted that they were most concerned was water flow, price of the homes, and traffic safety.

Councilman Whikehart states, I think it is worth noting that we are doing this in two readings; out of respect for remonstrators.

Jeff Thomas 9601 Coldwater Road Fort Wayne Indiana, states, I am here to represent Autumn Woods. Seventy-one lots on 31 acres off of Center Road. We did hear a lot of the concerns. Our engineer is here tonight. We are working on the drainage. We will be working with City’s Engineer on how we handle our drainage. Another issue was traffic. We are working with City Engineer on how that works. We know there have been some drainage issues with the road; but that is separate from how we will be handling the water within our own subdivision. Price range was other issue brought up. We are working with Majestic Custom Homes as our builder. We are not the builder. We are the developer.
Cont. Ordinance #6883.

We are looking at a price range $250,000-$350,000 in that area for these homes on this piece of property. We are excited to be here. We see a big need in the area for housing. This is a very attractive area to us. I know concern was the lay-out of the land. We are not right up against these other subdivisions. There is a golf course that kind of has a buffer; so we are going up to the golf course line with our development. We are real proud of Autumn Woods.

Councilman Kennedy states, it was brought to our attention that some of the woods are going to be saved.

Jeff Thomas states, a good number of the woods will be removed; because this is how the development lays out. There will be areas that we will be able to save.

Councilman Whikehart states, it was also brought to our attention, that you are going to be providing quite a bit of the infrastructure for this structure. Is that correct? So it’s almost a 100% private development?

Jeff Thomas states, correct.

Councilman Whikehart asks, with the infrastructure that includes sewers?

Jeff Thomas states, yes; all is containing within the site. I just want to point out we are completely following the ordinance.

Councilman Miklik states, you are a complete developer in a total package, and that’s the key.
Cont. Ordinance #6883.
Councilwoman Sanders asks, where are some of the other areas that you have developed, and use MaCheStic Homes.

Jeff Thomas states, our developments over the years that we have done range from extremely high-in to affordable housing. We have built it numerous different Counties’. Mostly up north-east Indiana.

Councilwoman Sanders asks, how long is the process that you are looking at; with getting all the studies that are needed?

Jeff Thomas states, all of this is a process. This is our first process. We have to have proper zoning in place. This is just the beginning steps of that process.

Presiding Officer states, at this time, I will take further comments from the audience.

There were several concerned citizens that spoke at the meeting. They are as follows: Stephanie Collins 1622 FoxHaven Drive, Jerry Nance 1634 FoxHaven Drive, Brian Hubbard Crooked Stick Drive, Forest Kenworthly 1737 FoxHaven Drive, and Heather Weber 3036 Crooked Stick Drive.

Councilman Miklik stated, the developer is asking for a zoning change. It’s now a vacant piece of ground, which is Parks & Recreations zoned. It is probably un-likely that a Park or Recreation or Golf Courses, going to go in there. The goal is not to disturb the residential nature of the people that are there. I have not seen any proposal for the development in-terms of streets, lot sizes or any of that.

Jeff Thomas states, it is provided at the Plan Commission.
Cont. Ordinance #6883.
Councilman Miklik states, with that being the case. They have a lot of hoops to go thru R3 verses Parks. I understand; that you do not want to have a development in your back yard. There are changes, and it is not an easy transition. If you think that your property is going to be damaged, by price of the homes relative to what they’re going to put in then let’s talk about the actual facts. How much is your appraised price with a legitimate appraisal today as compared to a future price in appraisal. At the end of the day the developer has an opportunity, and a right to go thru the steps. All were asking here tonight is a zoning change.

Councilwoman Sanders states, you can contact our City Engineer about any plans that might be proposed for Center Road, and the issues that they had there.

Greg Sheline Director of the Kokomo Howard County Plan Commission states, R3 is medium density; R3 is compactable with all surrounding zonings in that area. We are taking that from the new comprehensive plan that was just passed in 2017. This is single family.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

Presiding Officer stated. Deputy Mayor I am going to give you an action item. Would you please have some conversations with Heather Weber?
ORDINANCE 6884: Additional Appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of $1,528,250

First reading

Ordinance 6884 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6884 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilman Whikehart states, this is simply an additional appropriation toward bond payments. It was not budgeted in August because that is when the 2018 budget is set; so now that we have the money we are going to make these payments. They actually go toward the Municipal Stadium in the amount of $947,000. The Riverfront District Apartments in the amount of $366,250, and the YMCA in the amount of $215,000. If you have any questions the Controller is in the audience. I would urge Council to pass ordinance #6884 on first reading.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

President Hayes states, this marks the end of this Council Meeting; and our next Council Meeting will be January 29th, 2018 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room; Public Hearing on ordinance #6884 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers and Council Meeting immediately following.

Adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK