The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday November 26th, 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 Lewis Hall from Grace Memorial Church.

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

Absent: None

Councilman Kennedy states, Mr. President please let us note for the minutes that we have a procksee in the place of Councilman Wyant this evening.

The minutes of the Council Meeting November 19th, 2018 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, I want to recognize that the Council has agreed to the schedule for next year. We also received a copy of the Holiday schedule for the City Employees. We do not control that but the Administration shares that with Council every year.

Councilman Wyant states, December 3rd, at 8:00 P.M. We Care Park will be showed on ABC all over the United States. Cross your fingers, and hope that they bring a check to me for $50,000.
Cont. Communications.
I told them to make the check to We Care. I do not keep any of the proceeds from that. Thank you. If anybody wants to come this Wednesday evening ABC is coming back to film. I don’t know what that is all about. It might be a surprise.

Councilwoman Sanders states, I want to congratulate Susie Zody. She was recognized on Fox 59 for her work on the Horse Farm. It’s a Farm that serves under serve children. It’s a wonderful Program. She has been working there for several years. This is a wonderful thing for the Community. We are very thankful for the work that she does, and the people there.

Councilwoman Young states, I was out riding around in the Districts. I would like to commend the Street Department for how they are doing in re-moving the leaves. They are doing a wonderful job.

President Hayes states, I am sure they appreciate the comment; they don’t get good ones a lot of times.

Councilman Whikehart states, I do want to mention that Officer Bruce Rood has been mentioned on the News recently for one of the things that he did for the Kokomo Police Department; it actually has been expanded beyond that. There are kids that can help Officers who have been injured, to survive. I just want to congratulate Bruce, and his hard work, and making Kokomo look so good.

President Hayes states, Mr. Paul if you could stand-up; I just want to say that work that was done on the tank is just beyond compare. I know you played a large part in that. I just want to give you a round of applause.
Cont. Communications.
Councilman Wyant states, I want to thank Jerry; because about a week ago he bought the switch to turn on the lights at We Care Park. He donated back to JR Dennis in memory of his daughter. He is very great-full Jerry. Thank you so much for what you do.

Christy Allen 1135 S. Bell St. Kokomo, Ind. states, my church address is 625 N. Union. I will also add that I am an Elected Official. I am on the Kokomo School Board. I am not coming to you tonight for that. At no time I am speaking on their behalf. There were 99 Churches in Howard County, and we make 100th Church. We don’t care what you believe, who you love, what you do, your welcomed. I started this Church so that homeless or nearing homeless can come. If your utilities are cut off, your elderly or disable, we will help. We can do your laundry for you; and you can also take a shower. She passed out a hand-out to Council Members. I would like all of you to come out. We are there from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. you can come, and take a tour, and see the things we do. Thank you.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 6922: Rezoning: M1 & R5 to M2
Location: 401,503,507 & 511 E. Sycamore Street
Petitioner: Matt Johnson

Ordinance 6922 was read by the Clerk by title only.
Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules and pass ordinance #6922 on first and second reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.
Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None
Cont. Ordinance #6922.
The vote was 9 to 0 for suspension of the rules.
Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6922 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilwoman Young states, Matt Johnson for Fortune Management Companies is requesting a change in zone classification from M1 (Low Density Multi-Family Residential) & R5 (Urban Residential) to M2 (General Multifamily Residential). The properties are located at 401, 503, 507 & 511 East Sycamore Street. The planned use is for an Apartment Building. It is for a resident dwelling. The apartments will be 1-2 bedrooms, and fifty-eight units. The cost for rental is going to be a lot less than some of the other apartments that have been built brand new. There were no remonstrators at the Plan Commission Meeting.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first and second reading.

ORDINANCE 6923: Rezoning: R5 to NC
Location: 1308 West Jackson Street
Petitioner: Rodney Collins
First reading
Ordinance 6923 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules, and pass ordinance #6923 on first and second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for suspension of the rules.
Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6923 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Cont. Ordinance #6923.
Councilwoman Young states, Rodney Collins is requesting a change in zone classification from R5 (High Density Urban Residential) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial) for property located at 1308 West Jackson Street. The planned use is a parking lot for an existing business. He will be adding a buffer there as well.

Rodney Collins Hot Rod Properties, states, I believe it will add about 15 more parking spaces the way that I have it figured; with having three separate businesses there; parking is just a problem. It has been for years.

President Hayes asks, what type of buffer?

Rodney Collins states, I have talked with the neighbor that lives in the house right there a fence or trees or bushes. She does not seem to have a preference. My mind was to put a fence up.

President Hayes states, I encourage you to continue to work with the people in the neighborhood. It’s a good thing. I appreciate you coming forward.

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

RESOLUTION 2723: Transfer of Funds within the General Fund, MVH Fund, Park & Recreation Fund, Airport Fund
Resolution 2723 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on resolution #2723, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Cont. Resolution #2723.
Councilman Whikehart states, this is something that is done every year; when the Departments under spend. We are able to take money from one account, and move to another to pay for projects; some of which were planned for next year. Due to the budget of our Department Heads, were actually able to complete them now. I would urge Council to support Resolution #2723.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage.

President Hayes states, this marks the end of this Council Meeting, and our next Council Meeting will be December 10th, 2018 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room. Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers; and Council Meeting immediately following.

Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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City Clerk