COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 25th, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday February 25th, 2019 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 Tim Tranbarger from Stars of Light Chapel.

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the Public Hearing & Council Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2019 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, we need to set a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6928, and Ordinance #6929 for March 11th, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

At this time I would like to take a moment to recognize one of our own Councilman Andy Castner has passed away. He will be missed. His imprint on the City Council exist to this day. He was a man of integrity, statesman, and he vigorously worked for this City. He will be missed by us, and surely missed by his family, and all of his friends.
Cont. Communications.
President Hayes states, there were rough times back in the late Sixties. There were riots in Kokomo. I can remember Andy Castner was that well respected walked into a room of a meeting at the Carver Center. There were people really mad about what was going on; and Andy asked for peace; asked everybody to stop take a deep breath. I think he saved some lifes, and he showed the true merit of this man. Andy is a good guy, and whether you liked him or not you had to respect him.

Kevin Summers 319 Laramie Lane Kokomo, Ind. states, in addition to being a Councilman, Andy Castner was our Chief of Police for the Kokomo Police Department; and served us as Councilman Hayes had stated many years on the street; and ended up being our Chief, and then retiring. I would like to recognize his service with the Kokomo Police Department also. Thank you.

President Hayes states, he will be missed, and he lives in this room. His presence is here.

Councilman Wyant states, he was a great man. We have been friends for about 30 years, and I am sure going to miss him. He taught me a lot, and I taught him how to play golf.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

**ORDINANCE 6928:**
**AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA**
First reading

Ordinance 6928 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Wyant moved for passage on ordinance #6928 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Cameron.
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Cont. Ordinance #6928.
Councilman Wyant states, Hawks Corporate Properties LLC petitions the Common Council of the City of Kokomo; to vacate the right-of-way, and in support of the Petition shows the Council as follows: All that part of Buckeye Street in the James D.K. Kennedy Addition in Kokomo; and this is the 1300 Block of North Buckeye Street. Buckeye Street is coming South, and it hits Tate Street, and that is the 1400 Block. They want to vacate 170 feet to the South to the railroad tracks, and its 20 feet wide. There has been a lot of illegal dumping in there. Patrick Lee owns all of that property; so he wants to go in there, and removed all the trees, clean it up, and put grass in there, and make it look nice. I am all in favor of cleaning up the North end, for the City.

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

ORDINANCE 6929:
AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA

Ordinance 6929 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Haworth moved for passage on ordinance #6929 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Kennedy.
Councilman Haworth states, this is a Right-of-way Vacation for a portion of Ricketts St. This action will allow for the creation of fourteen parking spaces for the Trailside Townhomes Project.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Kennedy, Hayes, Whikehart, Sanders, Miklik
Nay: Haworth
The vote was 8 to 1 for passage on first reading.
ORDINANCE 6930: Rezoning: R3 to NC
Location: 1424 South Plate Street
Petitioner: Karen Oliver
First reading

Ordinance 6930 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules, and pass ordinance #6930 on first, and second reading, seconded by Councilman Wyant.
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 #6930 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.
Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner Karen Oliver is requesting a zone classification from R3 (Medium Density Residential) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial) for property located at 1424 South Plate Street. The plan is to be used for a Beauty Shop.

Councilwoman Sanders states, no remonstrators.

Councilwoman Young states, none.

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

President Hayes states, this marks the end of this Council Meeting, and our next Council Meeting will be March 11th, 2019 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. Public Hearings at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers; and Council Meeting immediately following.
Adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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City Clerk