The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday, April 11th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6822.

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

Absent: Cameron

President Hayes called for any comments from the audience, hearing none the Public Hearing was adjourned.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11th, 2016

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday April 11th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Hayes.

Invocation was offered by Pastor Jeff Russell from New Beginnings Christian Fellowship.

Pledge:

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

Absent: Cameron
The minutes of the March 28th, 2016 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, we will have two Ordinances at our next Council Meeting in reference to the Petitions that we have on our April 11th, 2016 agenda tonight.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 6822: Additional Appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of $1,500,000

Second reading

Ordinance 6822 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6822 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Councilman Kennedy states, this is an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of $1,500,000; two line items $350,000 to the Economic Development Fund and $1,150,000 to the Economic Development Commission. We had a Public Hearing and there were no remonstrators. I urge for passage of this ordinance on second reading.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.
ORDINANCE 6823:  
Rezoning: R1 with WH-OL & LI with WH-OL to MI with WH-OL  
Location: 1510 thru 1600 East Jefferson Street  
Petitioner: Robert Bergman  
Second reading

Ordinance 6823 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6823 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.  
Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner Robert C. Bergman is requesting rezoning R1 (Very Low Density Residential) with WH-OL (Wellhead Overlay) and LI (Low Intensity Industrial Business Park) with WH-OL (Wellhead Overlay) to MI (Moderate Intensity Industrial/Light Manufacturing). The property is located at 1510 thru 1600 East Jefferson Street.  
Vote for passage follows:  
Aye: All  
Nay: None  
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6825:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE CHRONIC PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA  
First reading

Ordinance 6825 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6825 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.  
Councilman Whikehart states, first I want to mention this is Councilman’s Cameron. He has put a lot of work in to this.
Cont. Ordinance #6825.
I am only sponsoring this because he could not be here tonight. I just want to acknowledge his hard work and the research he has put into this ordinance. If this ordinance goes into effect, it could allow our Police Officers to do a lot more community base policing; free them up from making a lot of calls to the big box stores some of which had 400 Police calls last year. Our Police Officers are much more busy dealing with other things then making some of these small calls to some of the big box stores. I urge for passage of this ordinance on first reading.

Richard Snow 1703 West Jefferson Street Kokomo, Ind. states, I have lived at this property for 22 years. Our next door neighbor had Police, Sheriff, Fire Department, etc. out many of times. They no longer live there now. I notice on the second page Item (1), says any property that requires more than (3) Police runs. I did not know if that might also include the Sheriff’s Department.

Council Attorney Corbin King states, yes, I need to talk to the Chief of Police and decide what type of calls that would be included in a chronic problem property.

Richard Snow states, we have a shared driveway. I know it said in Section 99.02 (no owner oupuptent tenant or person having substantial property interest). We had no way to maintain the peace.

President Hayes asks, so you are concerned because of the adjoining driveways that are shared?

Richard Snow states, it is one single driveway.
Cont. Ordinance #6825. Council Attorney Corbin King states, I would not be concerned about this because it is going to be an address that they put into the system.

Councilman Kennedy states, we did have some discussion prior to the meeting. The original intent of this is to stop of the calls that we get from some of the box stores for shoplifting. I am in favor in stopping the truly nuisance calls; because they do tie up our Police Department; when they could be actually doing some crime work.

Councilman Miklik states, when they make a call that is a legal and lawful act by the Police Department; so those people needed to be arrested or cited some-how rather than a nuisance ordinance. What we will probably do is pass this as written and make all the changes before it is passed on the second reading.

President Hayes states, that is the reason why we ask for comment on all the ordinances, not just from the Council, but we need to hear it from the public. You brought up two great points that we will address with our Attorney, and the City Attorney.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 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 April 25th, 2016 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room; Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
Adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

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PRESIDING OFFICER

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CITY CLERK