The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday June 13th 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 Reimar Schultze from Kokomo Christian Fellowship.

Pledge:

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

Absent: Cameron

The minutes of the Public Hearing & Council Meeting Minutes May 9th, 2016 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, I want to acknowledge that each of you have received a list of CF-1 Tax Abatement Compliance Forms from the Department of Development. This is a list of the Businesses that have received Tax Abatements and the Council is in receipt of those documents.

The Council received a TIF letter from Martha Lake Howard County Auditor. The Kokomo Re-development Commission is required to file the letter with the Council each year. It states that we will not have any excess funds in the City’s TIF Districts for Budget year 2017.
Cont. Communications.
Councilwoman Sanders states, I want to thank the people who went out to serve Kokomo last weekend. There was over 38 Churches that got together, and there were 1500 people. We had a wonderful service at the Jack Rabbit Stadium. We just really appreciate everybody’s service, and the love that was shown to this community.

Jerry Paul, I am the President of the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation located at Darrel Chapel Veterans Memorial Park. We thought it would be a great idea with everything that is going on in our country, that it would be appropriate to let our Police Department, and our Fire Department, know how much we Veterans appreciate what they do. Tonight we are going to present them some prints to let them know that we also share a bond.

Jerry Paul states, for the Police Department we support our Police Officers from the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation, and for our Fire Fighters. We also support our Fire Fighters from the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation.

Rob Baker, Chief of Police states, I would like to personally commend you for everything that you have done; and for the Veterans in Howard County. This is a huge honor that you would come here and honor us. I just want to say thank you from every Police Officer. We appreciate everything.

Chris Hall, states, from the Fire Department I want to thank you for honoring us. I am also a Veteran.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.
ORDINANCE 6829:  

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE FAIR HOUSING  
ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF  
KOKMO, INDIANA  

First reading

Ordinance 6829 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Whikehart moved for passage on ordinance #6829 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Kennedy.

Councilman Whikehart states, this Fair Housing Ordinance is merely a modernization of language to reflect current local ordinances. This measure seeks to ensure that the City of Kokomo’s Fair Housing Ordinance works in conjunction with the current Municipal Human Rights Code; which reflects stronger anti-discrimination language pertaining to housing. We are simply modifying the existing language of the Fair Housing Ordinance to coordinate with other, existing anti-discrimination policies and updating terms/definitions that are reflective of current city ordinances.

Councilwoman Sander’s states, I would just ask Attorney Corbin King to clarify the term of denying; other than the definition of decimation.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: Wyant, Young, Haworth, Kennedy, Hayes, Whikehart, Miklik
Nay: Sanders
The vote was 7 to 1 for passage on first reading.
RESOLUTION 2691:
RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA, RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURE OF PARK FUND REVENUES FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE KOKOMO SPORTS STADIUM PROJECT

Resolution 2691 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Miklik moved for passage on resolution #2691; seconded by Councilman Kennedy.

Councilman Miklik states, I am delighted to have an opportunity to read the Resolution. This is a major step forward for us as a City and the Sports Stadium along with partnership that we have with the FCA and with UAW. The resolution as follows: Whereas the City of Kokomo, is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Indiana; and Whereas, the Kokomo Community Development Corporation, and Indiana nonprofit corporation has advised the Economic Development Commission of the City of its agreement to partner with FCA US, LLC, UAW, and Kokomo Baseball, LLC to install a new video board at the sports stadium facility for City of Kokomo.

Whereas the Commission has or will enter into a Financing Agreement with KCDC; and Whereas, the City may expend certain funds from its park fund to support economic development; and Whereas, in order to ensure that development the Common Council desires to expend Park Fund Revenue in an amount not to exceed $75,000 to ensure payment and completion of the Project. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Common Council that the Council finds and determines that the Project is an economic development project, and may involve, as necessary, and expenditure of Park Fund Revenue in an amount not to exceed $75,000.
Cont. Resolution #2691.
The City hereby authorizes an amount of its Park Fund Revenues as specified. The total project is around $250,000; and we are going to match $75,000. I think it is a wonderful thing for the Stadium. I want to thank everyone involved.

Cherylene Hough states, I am representing UAW so on behalf of our Vice President we are excited about the partnership that is happening and we look forward to our members. We like to invest in our members and in the community. We believe that it is a well worth partnership. It gives our members and their families a place to go and be proud of the City of Kokomo.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: Nay
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage.

President Hayes states, this marks the end of this Council Meeting and our next Council Meeting will be June 27th, 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 6:20 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK