The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday September 9th, 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 Brian Cook from Grace United Methodist Church.

Pledge:

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

Absent: Cameron

The minutes of the Public Hearing & Council Meeting August 26th, 2019 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, we will set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #6941 for September 23rd, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. This will only be on for Public Hearing on the 23rd. The ordinance #6941 will be back on the agenda for the October 14th, 2019 Council Meeting for the second, and final reading. At that time the Budget would be adopted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Councilman Kennedy for the professional manner he ran the budget hearings last week; good job.
There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 6939: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, UNIFORMED POLICE AND FIRE, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Second reading

Ordinance 6939 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6939 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Councilman Kennedy states, this is the salary ordinance for Non-Elected personal of the City. It does include a 3% raise for Non-Contractual employees. It excludes Appointive, and Elected Officials. The Contractual employees are those who have been approved thru their contract negotiations. We did have a public hearing, and we did have another reading of this ordinance. I urge the Council to pass this on second reading.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.
ORDINANCE 6940: An ordinance fixing the salaries of the elected city officials of the City of Kokomo, Indiana effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Second reading

Ordinance 6940 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6940 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilman Kennedy states, this particular ordinance is for Elected Officials including the Mayor’s, City Clerk, Common Council. There are no raises in this particular ordinance. Salaries remain the same as last year. I move this Council to approve ordinance #6940 on second reading.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6941: An ordinance fixing the budgets for various departments, boards, and commissions of the City of Kokomo for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020 are as follows:

First reading

Ordinance 6941 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage on ordinance #6941 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.
Cont. Ordinance #6941.

Councilman Kennedy states, this is the budget for the City of Kokomo. We did have our budget hearings last Tuesday. We have gone thru each, and every department that is included in the budget. This particular budget will be $83.4 Million Dollars. This is a balance budget. Our City Controller, Randy Morris is in the audience. I will ask him to come-up, and give us a few words regarding the over-all budget.

Randy Morris, City of Kokomo Controller states, the DOGF gave us the maximum levy increase of 3.5 percent. We did apply that revenue increase to the budget; and effective the incoming revenue is balanced with the projected budget going out. Included in that budget is all the Contractual raises that were guarantee by the contracts. A 3% raise for all of the Non-Contractual. There was no increase given to the Department Heads or the Elected Officials. Part of that 3.5 percent increase that is in the budget. Next year is one of those things that happens once every seven years; which is 53-week payroll. Alternately what you are looking at is the budget keeping all the Departments staffed exactly the same as they were staffed this year 2019; so 2020’s budget as the same number of personal budgeted in each department. You are looking at a balance budget; out-side of the raises.

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. Our next Council Meeting will be September 23rd, 2019; with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room. Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Council Meeting immediately following.
ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.

ATTEST: ________________________

PRESIDENT

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CITY CLERK