COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 27th, 2017

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday March 27th, 2017 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 Tony Stewart Reformation Faith Ministries Church.

Pledge:

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

Absent: Cameron

The Council Meeting Minutes February 27th, 2017 & Special Council Meeting Minutes March 6th, 2017 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Miklik states, Cindy and I attended the Ribbon Cutting at the FCA in Tipton Chrysler. It was good that we were represented; all the Universities here were represented. It was a big deal; very nicely done.

President Hayes states, thank you both for attending.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.
ORDINANCE 6861: Rezoning: C2 to IS  
Location: 711 South Reed Road  
Petitioner: Randy Blankenship  
First reading  
Ordinance 6861 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for suspension of the rules and pass ordinance #6861 on first and second reading; seconded by Councilman Haworth.  
Vote for suspension of the rules:  
Aye: All  
Nay: None  
The vote was 8 to 0 for suspension of the rules.  
Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6861 on second reading; seconded by Councilman Wyant.  
Councilwoman Young states, the petitioner Randy Blankenship is requesting change in rezoning classification from C2 (Medium to Large Scale General Commercial) to IS (Institutional). The property is located at 711 South Reed Road. The purpose is for Church class rooms. This property is located in area that accommodates a wide variety of large and small scale commercial properties. There were no remonstrators.  
Vote for passage follows:  
Aye: All  
Nay: None  
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first and second reading.

RESOLUTION 2703:  
A Resolution by Kokomo Common Council Approving an Amendment to the Kokomo Comprehensive Plan  
Resolution 2703 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on resolution #2703; seconded by Councilman Wyant.  
Councilwoman Young states, this resolution is by the Kokomo
Cont. Resolution 2703.
Common Council approving an amendment to the Kokomo Comprehensive Plan; so therefore the adoption of this resolution will approve the Kokomo Comprehensive Plan. This Resolution will come affected on adoption here this evening; and shall be recorded in the office of the Howard County Recorder. I recommend the Council to pass this resolution tonight.

Daniel Ost 1239 North McCann Street Kokomo, Ind. states, are there any considerations for Kokomo to have electrical vehicle usage. The reason I ask, is because over the next decade the electric vehicle usage will to multiply probably ten to twenty times. If they were going to own these vehicles they are going to need places to charge them. I understand the City has two charging points in the parking area. We would like to set down with the Council sometime in the future and discuss how a plan can be made to put parking stations within City limits especially in the downtown area.

We sale Charge Point; networking system. where on your phone you can look where are charging systems relevant to where my location is. It shows you every charge point station that is available within where you are. Ninety percent of people driving electric vehicles have that application so that they can see where you go. The importance of having these stations available is going to become and important thing. For the City to be in front of it instead of behind it; I personally feel that it would an advantage to the City. When the demand goes up also cost will go up.

President Hayes states, it is a consideration. That is how I make a living working with power electronics and electrification at a major Automobile Company here in Kokomo. You are spot on about the growth in electronic vehicles and Hybrid electronics vehicles as well.
Cont. Resolution #2703.
The grid is not there because right now you are still paying $2.00 for gas. No we have not addressed specifically on this Council.

Councilman Miklik states, the two in the garage are used. I have seen electronic vehicles.

Councilwoman Sanders asks what other communities have these, and is there any in the Midwest?

Daniel Ost states, in Indiana, the biggest portion is Indianapolis right now.

Councilman Whikehart states, I think it is important to understand this plan is a framework. It has recommendations and goals for us. If you look at the Plan Implementation the goal says improve communications between government and non-governmental groups both internally and externally to support successful community development. I think this is a good example of that.

Councilman Miklik states, this is only a plan; so as you work the plan the implementation opportunity then you have to talk to those appropriate people.

President Hayes states, I would encourage you to get some time with Mr. Sheline and talk to him. You also need conversations with the Administration, the Mayor and his team; and also the owners of the garage.
Greg Sheline Director of Kokomo Howard County Plan Commission, states, I just want to say thank you to a lot of people. We have been working on this plan for over a year now. I want to say thank you to all of the Members to the Sterling Committee, City Administration, and our Consultant. Everyone has worked really hard on this plan. I think we have a good plan that will help us over the next few years to guide our City. I thank you for your consideration tonight; and I ask you to pass this resolution.

Vote for passage:
Aye: All
Nay: None
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 April 10th, 2017 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room; and Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK