The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday, May 8th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Hayes.

President Hayes said that those who wish to stand may stand, or you may remain seated for the invocation.

The invocation was presented by Pastor Jason Dubble from Judson Road Christian Church, Kokomo, Indiana.

President Hayes asked the council and those in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Hayes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance #6862 which pertained to an additional appropriation from the general fund in the amount of $1,226,250.00. There were no comments made at the public hearing; and, the hearing was closed.

Councilman Wyant made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from April 24th, 2017 as presented. Councilwoman Sanders seconded the motion and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes introduced Ordinance #6860 which is a petition for the vacation of a right-of-way and advised the audience that there will be a public hearing regarding Ordinance #6860 at the next Council Meeting on May 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Wyant thanked Office Joe Culbertson for saving a little girl’s life.
Councilman Whikehart recognized the city employees' cleanup efforts after the major flooding that we recently had in our area and thanked them.

Councilwoman Sanders shared that she visited Narrowgate Horse Ranch that was presented to the council last meeting by Susan Zody. She said it was a wonderful facility.

President Hayes made some comments on the heavy rains we recently experienced. Some areas sustained major flooding recently. We have had 4.77 inches of rain over a ten day period. We are under state and federal mandates to eliminate combined sewer overflows, and those mandates have had an impact on flooding in some homes. Recently, the City Council approved a bond in the amount of 23 million dollars to be allocated to sewer projects and to comply with these mandates; and, some projects are already underway. Anyone can file a claim with the city at City Hall. There were several citizens that shared their concern and complaints regarding the flooding.

Reddel Green @ 106 S. Forest Drive said that her home has flooded several times; and, she and her family expressed concern about the flooding. Richard Lightsey owns 105 S. Forest Drive; and, his son resides at the property. Mr. Lightsey also commented that when the heavy rains come, he is concerned about flooding and has experienced flooding in the past. Next, Angela Stamper shared her concerns about the recent flooding in the property that she owns at 1715 W. Sycamore St. Councilman Wyant stated that part of the problem with this property is that the downspouts are draining into the sewer line which compounds the flooding. Next, the council heard from Julie Baker who resides at 1710 W. Bennett St. She has had flooding issues in the past and shared her continued concerns with flooding. She installed a backflow value and sump pump at her home. Next, Julie Lewis @ 105 Westmoreland Dr. E. also shared her concerns about recent flooding issues. Next, Ryan Townsend @ 2503 Elva Drive addressed the Council and expressed his concerns about the sewage backup in his basement. Mr. Townsend believes that the Kitty Run Drainage project has contributed to his issues. Councilman Kennedy added that the drainage is a county issue even if you reside in the city. Randy Morris, City Controller made some remarks regarding the bond issue and challenge to not increase sewer rates while responding to the unfunded federal mandates. Next, Mary H. Lewis @ 534 W. Sycamore St. addressed the council and shared that a retention pond could help relieve some the flooding
issues. Next, Mary Lovelace who resides at 1741 W. Sycamore St. shared her concerns about future flooding.

Next, Richard Emry resides at 2504 Kent Ave. and he would like the parking ordinance enforced on the streets to complement Mayor Goodnight’s beautification projects. This would also help to open up the streets for the street sweeper and trash collection. Councilman Kennedy suggested that the parking be sent to committee for further review. President Hayes agreed.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

Next, President Hayes stated that the council has appointed Councilman Whikehart to the Human Rights Commission. He will be replacing Councilwoman Sanders for a partial term ending December 31, 2017.

**ORDINANCE #6862:** Ordinance #6862 was read by the Clerk by title only. An ordinance pertaining to additional appropriations from the general fund in the amount of $1,226,250.00. Councilman Kennedy moved for passage of Ordinance #6862 on second reading. Councilman Haworth seconded the motion and the motion carried. The vote for the passage of Ordinance #6862 on second reading:

- **Aye:** All
- **Nay:** None

The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading of Ordinance #6862.

**RESOLUTION #2704:** Resolution #2704 was read by the Clerk by title only. A resolution approving the purchase of certain real property located at 706 W. Jefferson. Councilman Miklik moved to adopt Resolution #2704; and, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sanders. Vote for adoption of Resolution #2704:

- **Aye:** All
- **Nay:** None

The vote was 8 to 0 for adoption of Resolution #2704.
With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Brenda Atkinson
City Clerk

Robert L. Hayes, President