PUBLIC HEARING
&
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 19th, 2015

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday October 19th, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the City Building for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Resolution #2676.

Present: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Kennedy, Hayes, Summers, Sanders, Miklik

Absent: None

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

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The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday October 19th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Hayes.

President Hayes states, in my absentee I would like to thank this Council, and especially thanks to Councilman Mike Kennedy for stepping in for me on my behalf. I think I am so proud of them that we did not miss a step, we kept moving forward, and I really appreciate each and every one of them. You guys are the best City Council that I know of in the State of Indiana, and you proved that in your actions in my absentee. Thank you.

Invocation was offered by a new Pastor Steve Branstutter from Bethel Tabernacle Church.
Pledge:

Present: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Kennedy, Hayes, Summers, Sanders, Miklik

Absent: None

The minutes of the September 28th, 2015 Public Hearing & Council Meeting Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, I met a spirit filled young man this morning at the ground breaking of the New Apperson Apartments. I invited him to do opening prayer un-known that Councilman Summers had already had someone. That man of spirit is going to come next week at our Council Meeting. I would like him to come forward and introduce his-self to the Council. He is new to Kokomo.

Pastor William Smith states, I am the New Pastor at The Second Missionary Baptist Church 818 North Appersonway Kokomo, Ind. I am here with my wife. We moved from Virginia, and excited about all the things that are happening taking place here in the City of Kokomo. It is an honor to be able to be here in Kokomo. I am one who is a community minded individual that not only Pastors the Local Church but one who believes that it is important for the Church to be visible within the community that it serves. I am excited for the invitation. I am just excited about meeting each of you, and the exciting things that are happening through-out our City. I am grateful for this opportunity to be able to introduce myself, and I am grateful also for the opportunity that I have been able to share with Mayor Goodnight, and also be able to see just the developments and the future of vision of the City of Kokomo. Thank you again; it is indeed an honor to be able to be a resident of the City of Kokomo.
Cont. Communications.
Councilman Summers states, I would like to re-invite Pastor Branstutter back-up for a brief introduction of himself.

Pastor Steve Branstutter Bethel Tabernacle Church of God State Route 26, I appreciate this invitation back-up from Kevin Summers. We have been pastoring there nine weeks. We are working to reach into this community to do more, help more to assist more to do what we can to make it better. We do that thru the name of Jesus Christ we believe that; anything we can do to be of assistance in this City do not ever hesitate to call on us, God Bless.

Beth Garrison Corporation Counsel for the City of Kokomo, Ind. 100 South Union Street states, I am here to provide you with an up-date on an issue the opioid overdose matters that have been going on in the City of Kokomo, and Howard County. I just wanted to take an opportunity to up-date you on some-things that the Administration is doing on behalf of Mayor Goodnight. We have been connected with and in contact with a group Kokomo Help Team. They have organized them-selves in effort to come up with ideas on how to combat this problem. We have been in communication with them, and have a meeting scheduled with them in the up-coming weeks.

We have talked with Howard County Community Hospital and the Representatives from the hospital are meeting with us next week to talk with both of the Chiefs and some other members of the Administration. I attended the County Commissioners Meeting today. This is something we recognized is not a Kokomo problem; it is not a Howard County problem; it’s not a State wide problem; it’s actually a National Issue; but we are doing what we can locally. I attended the meeting today in effort to reach out to them and to invite them to these meetings so that we can work on these matters collectively and globally so that perhaps all of our Law Enforcement Officers and others such as in Probation will have the opportunities.
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Cont. Communications.
Councilwoman Sanders states, I want to lodge you on what you are doing and what the community is doing. It’s certainly something we have had an issue with. I think if we galvanized together with everybody I think we can make a difference. I am excited about it.

Councilman Cameron asks, is one of your efforts to look for a place for all walks of life to go to; because right now today if you have somebody that does not have insurance and has a drug problem they try to take care of themselves?

Beth Garrison states, that is certainly something that we will look at. That is one of the reasons why we wanted to meet with the Kokomo Help Team; is to see what ideas that they have.

Councilwoman Sanders states, the hospitals do treat the opioid addition and alcohol addition. They have a time limit on how long they can keep them.

There were no committee reports given at the regular meeting.

**ORDINANCE 6805:**

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BUDGETS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Second reading

Ordinance 6805 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Cameron moved for passage on ordinance #6805 on second reading.
Cont. Ordinance #6805. Seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Councilman Cameron states, this is our annual ordinance from fixing the budget for the year 2016. We completed all of the budget hearings, and the tentative amount of the budget is $61,544,883 dollars.

Councilman Kennedy states, I appreciate Councilman Cameron handling this particular ordinance in your absentee; I was setting in your seat and he took that over for me, and I appreciate his work that he has done on the budget.

Councilman Summers states, I will abstain from the vote.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
Abstain Summers
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.

RESOLUTION 2678: Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administrations, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for Federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, title 23 United States Code, and other Federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

Resolution 2678 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Miklik moved for passage on resolution #2678.
Cont. Resolution #2678.
Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.

Councilman Miklik states, whereas, the Federal Transportation Administrator has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for a transportation project; whereas the applicant will provide an annual certificate to the Department of Transportation; and now therefore, let it be resolved that this Council will adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of the Kokomo Howard County Coordinating Council to make application for Federal Grants under the resolution and under the Federal Transportation guidelines.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage.

RESOLUTION 2679:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA, CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF THE SARAN INDUSTRIES ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT DEDUCTIONS

Resolution 2679 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Summers moved for passage on resolution #2679. Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.

Councilman Summers states, this is just the confirmatory resolution in reference to Saran Industries that I spoke of at our last meeting.
Cont. Resolution #2679.
The estimate of value of the personal property, and improvements is over $3 Million Dollars; it will generate (49) additional jobs with the project, estimate of over $2 Million Dollars for the aggregate annual salaries, and the other benefits about which information has been presented to this Common Council are benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from the construction of the Project. I am excited with the investment that Saran Industry has committed to this community and addition to the job growth that helps impact our whole community.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage.

President Hayes states this marks the end of this Council Meeting; and our next Council Meeting will be October 26th, 2015 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.

Adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

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PRESIDING OFFICER

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CITY CLERK