The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday October 27th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Kennedy.

Invocation was offered by Councilman Hayes.

Pledge:

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

Absent: Cameron

The minutes of the October 20th, 2014 Public Hearing & Council Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Kennedy states, our next meeting will be Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M. in the Louks Room. We will be discussing one item only, and that will be Council Districts for the next Election. We are going to have two special meetings, one on Thursday and the following week; but that date has not been announced yet. By State Statute we have to pass those districts very soon. Our next regular schedule meeting will be November 10th that meeting will be held at the Kokomo Auto Museum; which is part of the Ivy Tech Event Center. That will be Council night out. We will have an open house starting at 5:00 P.M., with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 P.M.
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Cont. Communications.
Councilman Summers states, I would like to recognize Councilman Cameron is still out recovering from his surgery; keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Fowler 615 Maple Crest Avenue Kokomo, Ind. states, I am here because the Kokomo Post Office will be consolidating their mail processing operations into Indianapolis on March 14th, 2015. There are five plants in Indiana that will be consolidating 37 nation-wide. We have formed a coalition between our unions and we will be having a rally on November 14th, at the Post Office from 2:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. and you are all invited. We would appreciate the Community support in our effort to save our Kokomo Post Office.

President Kennedy asks, does that mean everything is plan on moving to Indianapolis?

Nancy Fowler states, all processing. A lot of our machinery has already been re-moved from the building.

Councilman Hayes asks, who has control on changing it back?

Nancy Fowler states, they are saying Congress.

President Kennedy asks, how many employees would be affected?

Nancy Fowler states, around 20 employees. We have not been told what is going to happen to our people.

Councilwoman Sanders asks, is Lafayette still going to be open?

Nancy Fowler states, no.
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Cont. Communications.
Councilman Summers asks, is Indianapolis going to be the only processing?

Nancy Fowler states, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis for the whole state.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 6775:

Rezoning: LI & R5 to M2
Location: 110 E. Morgan Street & 2200 N. Washington St.
Petitioner: Mary Hada for the NRP Group, LLC
Second reading

Ordinance 6775 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6775 on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilwoman Young states, Mary Hada is requesting a change in zone classification from LI (Low Intensity Industrial/Business Park) and R5 (High Density Urban Residential) to M2 (General Multifamily Residential). The property is located at 110 East Morgan Street, and 2200 North Washington Street. The plan is for Senior Housing.

President Kennedy states, Council Members received the Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan today; which is part of the whole package.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.
ORDINANCE 6776: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II (A), CHAPTER 79 ENTITLED “NO PARKING GENERALLY” OF THE KOKOMO CITY CODE (1982)

Second reading

Ordinance 6776 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Summers moved for passage on ordinance #6776 on second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.

Councilman Summers states, this is to establish parking on Sycamore Street from Washington Street to Berkley Road on both sides; the North and South side areas.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None

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

ORDINANCE 6778: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 78, SCHEDULE V, ENTITLED “SPEED LIMITS GENERALLY” OF THE KOKOMO CITY CODE (1982)

First reading

Ordinance 6778 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Summers moved for passage on ordinance #6778 on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.

Councilman Summers states, this came out of the Traffic Commission recommending that we change the Speed Limit on Washington Street from Lincoln Road to Markland Avenue. Currently that speed limit is 40 MPH from Lincoln to Boulevard, and from Boulevard to Markland is 35 MPH. Due to the fact that these are in a school zone we believe that reducing that speed down to 30 MPH would be beneficial for our citizens and our schools and safety in that area.
Cont. Ordinance #6778.
Councilman Hayes asks, when does the change take affect?

Councilman Summers states, once it is passed by the Council, and the Mayor signs it would be implemented at that point.

Councilwoman Sanders asks, regarding Lincoln Road to South Lafountain on Washington Street that is 40 MPH is there a reason for that? I just have some concerns.

Councilman Summers states, that is something we can take back to the Traffic Commission.

President Kennedy states, that is a good point that Councilwoman has made. Once we get the construction done maybe we need to look at that.

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

RESOLUTION 2662:  A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES

Resolution 2662 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Miklik moved for passage on resolution #2662. Seconded by Councilman Wyant.
Councilman Miklik states, I will read the Resolution.
Cont. Resolution #2662.
Vote for passage follow:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage.

RESOLUTION 2663: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NORHTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
Resolution 2663 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Summers moved for passage on resolution #2663. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilman Summers states, this is a Resolution Adopting the Northside Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan. Whereas, the City of Kokomo, Indiana continually seeks our ways to revitalize its neighborhoods; and Whereas the overall goal of maintaining stable and well-kept neighborhoods is still promoted by opportunities for commercial growth and activity, and inclusion of types of affordable housing, particularly senior housing high-density residential uses and mixed-use development; and, Whereas, in October, 2014 the City of Kokomo released a new plan for the northside neighborhood bounded by North, Street on the South, Webster Street on the West, Gano Street on the North and Ohio Avenue on the East, entitled the Northside Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana, As Follows: (1.) That the Plan created in October of 2014 is adopted, and will result in the continued promotion of the overarching goals of bringing in new commercial and housing opportunities to the City of Kokomo, while strengthening our neighborhoods.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage.
President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be November 10th, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Kokomo Heritage Auto Museum. We will have an open house starting at 5:00 P.M.; and Informational Meeting at 6:30 P.M. and Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK