The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday February 10th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6744.

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

Absent: None

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

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

Absent: None

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday February 10th, 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, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Hayes, Kennedy, Summers, Sanders, Miklik

Absent: None
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The minutes of the January 27th, 2014 Public Hearing & Council Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Goodnight states, good evening, and thank you President Kennedy and the Kokomo Common Council Members for allowing me the time during your meeting to present a special award to a very deserving member of our community. We typically present the Faith & Community in Action Award at the annual Prayer and Action Breakfast in January. Unfortunately, we had to postpone that event twice due to weather.

The Faith & Community in Action Award was developed exclusively to honor spiritually based individuals or groups to contribute, through their time and talent, in making a profound and positive difference in our community. The horrible storms of 2013 brought out the best of our community. While there are literally dozens of equally deserving organizations and volunteers whose contributions touched the lives of individuals, families and neighborhoods, this year’s award goes to a gentleman who has made it his volunteer mission every day of his life to actively seek out and assist the most vulnerable.

As his brother told me, anytime there’s a problem, he just jumps right in. So, for his tireless dedication to taking action and serving the least fortunate in our community always at the time of their greatest distress, this year’s award goes to Mr. Kevin Sprinkle.

Kevin, the Faith and Community in Action Award includes a clock which symbolizes the time you have invested in volunteering. The plaque reads “In recognition of your concern for those who are in most need, and for the many charitable and community endeavors you lead”. Congratulations.
Cont. Communications.

Kevin Sprinkle states, thank you Greg. This was supposed to be for my brother Jeff. That is what I am really proud about. Jeff does so much for the community. I always say I get in where I fit in and I fit it a few times in a few places. I fit in with Kevin Summers a good friend. We have done some-things together. I do some-things with Mike with We Care, and Donnie too. It is just a chance to do what we all are supposed to do. That is just to pitch in and look around and see a need and feel a need. Thank you.

Councilman Summers states, when we had the tornado Mr. Sprinkler was on one of the National News Organizations and made some really neat comments. One of hardest area hits from the tornado he was there and his crew went into action. Knos to your group and yourself and family, great job.

Councilman Wyant states, he use to work at the Pottery and every year we would go to the Pottery from We Care Park and get the lift and we would use it for a month or even two months. He would set it up where we could get it and put up the Christmas lights. He has done a lot for us too. I want to thank you for what you have done for us.

Councilman Cameron states, I would like to give some kudos out to our Street Department for the extra work they have done this year. I have had a few calls from my area why they would clean out an area or street before the others, and after I explained to them there is a number of people who are on dialysis or on oxygen they need to be first to be cleaned out. The Street Department has done an excellent job about doing that. We need to get the word out to people that there not doing it just for favoritism there doing it for medical need. I think that is very important that the community understands that.
Cont. Communications.
Don Burris 227 Ariel Court Kokomo, Ind. states, I was out today shoveling my snow and one of the big trucks came by and saw me out there and helped shovel my drive-way. I really appreciate his help and consideration. Also I really appreciate the Safety & Welfare Committee. I just know there is public support behind helping with the licensing these dancers. I am praying for you guys that we will be able to do a good job.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

**ORDINANCE 6744:**
Additional Appropriation from the Edit Fund in the amount of $3,434,680
Second reading

Ordinance 6744 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Hayes moved for passage on ordinance #6744 on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.


President Kennedy states, that is what we had our public hearing on. We also read this on first reading at our last meeting.
Cont. Ordinance #6744.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on second reading.

RESOLUTION 2649:
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA OPPOSING LEGISLATION REDUCING OR ELIMINATING BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPETY TAXES IN THE STATE OF INDIANA

Resolution 2649 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Hayes moved for passage on resolution #2649. Seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Councilman Hayes states, I will read the entire Resolution. It’s basically shifting out of one pot, putting it in another pot and not replacing any money in the pot that you took it out of in the first place.

President Kennedy states, we can take it from business, and they’re going to take it from you; because it has to be made-up. I don’t know whether there was a report of the Third House Session that accrued on Saturday; but many of us were there. There basically 12 or 22 Counties of what we would call industrial counties in the State of Indiana; where most of this money would come from. So what Councilman Hayes was mentioning about county against county those counties that do not have the industrial base such as Howard County does; certainly they would not have to worry what would happen if a new company wanted to start up they would look to another county instead of this county.
Cont. Resolution #2649.
In all fairness all counties in the States of Indiana should be working together not working against each other. I think this Council feels the same way. Cities can probably do some-things to perhaps make up some of the difference. A lot of it will fall on us. If it goes into one pocket we have to take it out of another. I certainly will support this resolution and hoping that many, many cities in the State of Indiana and other taxing units will do the same; and send this message to the Governor that this is not what Indiana needs. We are already the number 1 State in the Mid-West attracting business as far as taxes. We do not need to be 1A in my opinion.

Councilman Miklik states, I would just echo to the point the negative impact to the community. No where have we seen the cost benefit of what the Governor or the in-result will be increase businesses, and increase jobs. You just can-not do it. I support this Resolution. It’s the right thing to do.

President Kennedy states, we can take it from business, and they’re going to take it from you; because it all has to be made up.

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

President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be February 24th, 2014 with an Informational Meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Louks Room. Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.
Adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

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PRESIDING OFFICER

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CITY CLERK