PUBLIC HEARING
&
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 10th, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday March 10th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6747.

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.

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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

The minutes of the February 24th, 2014 Council Minutes were declared approved as presented.
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COMMUNICATIONS: President Kennedy states, our next Meeting will be March 24th, 2014 with an Informational Meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Louks Room. Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. on Ordinance #6749 in the Council Chambers, and Council Meeting will follow.

Councilman Miklik states, I will not be able to attend the March 24th, 2014 Council Meeting.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 6747: AN ORDINANCE VACATING UNIMPROVED ALLEYS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA

Second reading

Ordinance 6747 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Haworth moved for passage on ordinance #6747 on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Hayes.

Councilman Haworth states, this ordinance is vacating approved alleys located in the City of Kokomo. Whereas Charles E. & Zella L. Quinn, have petitioned this body to vacate a portion of a certain alley located in the City of Kokomo, more particularly described hereafter, and Whereas this Council conduct a public hearing on the 10th day of March, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., pursuant to the provisions of I.C.36-7-3-12 (C) the following presentation of proof of publication pursuant I.C.5-3-1. Whereas notice, of the proposed vacation was served on all necessary parties; and Whereas the vacation of the alley would not limit access to any real estate or hinder the growth or development of the neighborhood in which it is located; and Whereas there are no public utilities maintained in the alley, or if any be in said alley then per statue as easement is maintained over said utility line.
Cont. Ordinance #6747.
Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Kokomo deems it appropriate and necessary to vacate said alley as it no longer serves any public purpose. Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6748:
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 SOUTH MC CANN STREET KOKOMO, INDIANA AS AN HISTORIC SITE IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO
First reading

Ordinance 6748 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Cameron moved for passage on ordinance #6748 on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Wyant.
Councilman Cameron states, the house is located at 201 South McCann. It was built around 1916. It is an American Foursquare Style with free classic details. It was a residence of Mr. Wills who is a local attorney, civic leader, and a former City Attorney Judge. He is also the founding member of Rotary, and International Delegate to the Convention of Edinburgh Scotland. The house is really a find example American Foursquare Design with free classic details. The Historic Review Board at their February 20th meeting voted to submit this application to us; therefore I approve this.
Cont. Ordinance #6748.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6749:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE SEWAGE WORKS SYSTEM OF PRAIRIE UTILITIES, INC.
First reading

Ordinance 6749 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Wyant moved for passage on ordinance #6749 on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.

Councilman Wyant states, Whereas, the City of Kokomo owns and operates a wastewater utility through its Department of Public Works. Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City of Kokomo and its citizens to continue to explore growth areas for its utility, Whereas, IC 36-9-23-2 allows and empowers the City of Kokomo to acquire other sewage works; and Whereas, Prairie Utilities, Inc. in Tipton County already services 53 houses on this sewage plant, and it is for sale for $225,000. I know this man, and have worked at this plant for the last forty years. I have worked for the owner prior to the ones who have it now. It has been re-done in the last 8-10 years. It is in good shape. Chris Cooper is in the audience from the Waste Water Treatment Plant if anyone has any questions.

Councilwoman Sanders states, this is going to be a good thing for the community, and beneficial to the City as well.
Cont. Ordinance #6749.
Councilman Wyant states, the price they are paying for this we are going to get our money back in probably 8-10 years. It is only a 33% capacity that is where it is at right now.

President Kennedy states, it is going to be quite a savings to the residents there to.

Councilman Hayes states, I want to echo what has been said. I think this is a win, win situation for the residents and for the City. I encourage my colleagues to pass this ordinance.

Bob Zahn, I reside at 102 Heather Place Sharpsville, Indiana states, there was a meeting February 6th at the Howard County Library on the South Side. Mayor Goodnight and his staff came and presented it. The residents that did attend we were able to ask all of our questions. It is a business case, as the Mayor said. He thought it could actually pay for itself in a little over 7 years. It did not inquire any additional staff from the City of Kokomo. I think it was a learning experience for us. I did not realize the City had that many lift stations similar what we had on the out skirts of the City. We have been through several generations of different companies running the plant that we have. Right now it is run by the Company called Buck Horn. When I first moved out there in the early 80’s we were paying about $40.00 a month, and right now we are paying $105.00 a month. I think it is estimated that we will be somewhere around $45.00. I realize that we will share in any up-grades because we are now in a big system. Our system has been re-built. It does not look like it is going to need substantial work for some years; but we realize if it does need work that it would be spread against a bigger system of multiple lift stations; but again we will share if there is a lift station problem in Kokomo. We think it is a win, win.
Cont. Ordinance #6749.
President Kennedy states, we have a pretty good crew at our Utility Plant. I am very confident that they will be able to maintain, and do what is necessary out at your place; and historically our sewage rates have been very low. I think it will be a good project for both sides.

Councilman Wyant states, there will not be a person out there all the time. All they have to do is to take samples twice a week just to check and see how the plant is running.

Councilman Miklik states, this will help us with a plan development of the new 31 North to South. This piece helps us manage that from a growth aspect. I think it is a very good move on the part of the administration to go on ahead and purchase this.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading

RESOLUTION 2650: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA, APPROVING PLAN COMMISSION ORDER 2014-1
Resolution 2650 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on resolution #2650. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilwoman Young states, Whereas, on January 29, 2014, the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Kokomo, Indiana adopted Resolution No. 2014-04. This is a resolution that the City Council of Kokomo, Indiana approved the Planning Commission Order 2014-1.
Cont. Resolution #2650.
Whereas the redevelopment commission of the City adopted resolution 2014-1 establishing the North Main Street Redevelopment Area, all pursuant to and in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14 and the Resolution found that the area was in need of this redevelopment. No residence in the area will be displaced due to the redevelopment of this plan. The purpose of the plan for the North Main Street Redevelopment Area are to benefit the public by allowing new business the opportunity to take advantage of the opportunities available to the businesses that are currently in the Riverfront District. This will attract new permanent jobs as well as the new district boundaries. This change will help the overall downtown tiff district that is in affect now. This resolution shall be in full force as it is read if it is passed tonight, and adopted. 
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Hayes, Summers, Miklik, Kennedy
Nay: Sanders
The vote was 8 to 1 for passage.

RESOLUTION 2651: A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO EXPANDING A MUNICIPAL RIVERFRONT DISTRICT

Resolution 2651 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Hayes moved for passage on resolution #2651. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilman Hayes states, this is a resolution to expand the current Municipal Riverfront District. By this expansion it will provide greater economic development opportunities for downtown.
Cont. Resolution 2651.
This will allow new restaurants to take advantage of a special three-way liquor license that are available for such districts. Each entity must come before the redevelopment commission and get permission and explain that they will not just be selling liquor but they are going to be selling food. I think this is going to be a good deal for the City; and will enhance our Downtown District, and also provide jobs to the community. I encourage the passage of this resolution.

President Kennedy states, Councilman Wyant is our representative on the Re-development Commission. I believe we just approved a couple spots. We want to enhance the Community in a way that will allow people to enjoy the different variety of food and activities. I encourage passage as well.

Councilman Wyant states, we approved two last week.

Councilman Hayes states, the good thing is that we do have a commission that can safe-guard and make sure these do not come in to one big Bar District like you would have in a college town. We have some control over this.

Councilwoman Young states, by expanding this it will give more jobs.

Councilwoman Sanders states, in light of the fact that we want to bring people here and make it a more livable community, I am all for economic development. In light of the fact that we have had thoughts about how many establishments that we want with alcohol. That is my concern, so that’s basically my vote for no; because I think we have many of those.
Cont. Resolution #2651
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: Wyant, Cameron, Young, Haworth, Hayes, Summers, Kennedy
Nay: Sanders, Miklik
The vote was 7 to 2 for passage.

President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be March 24th, 2014 with an Informational Meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Louks Room. Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, and Council Meeting immediately following.

Adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK