PUBLIC HEARING
&
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 24th, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday March 24th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6749.

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

Absent: Miklik

President Kennedy 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 March 24th, 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. We ask a special blessing on the young man that is striving to get his Eagle Scout credentials. May you guide his journey and may you make his journey swift and sure.

At this time I would like to bring forward Cody Bodkin. Cody is going for his Eagle Scout badge. He will lead us in the Pledge.

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

Absent: Miklik

The minutes of the March 10th, 2014 Public Hearing & Council Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Kennedy states, Councilman Miklik is on vacation. That is why he is not here this evening.

I would like to acknowledge that each one of you has received the Airport’s 2013 Rotary Fuel Fund Activity Report that we received from the Kokomo Municipal Airport Aviation Commission.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

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

Ordinance 6748 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Cameron moved for passage on ordinance #6748 on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Wyant.

Councilman Cameron states, we went thru this at our last meeting and talked about the history of this home, and how it is being preserved; and taking back to the way it was. I feel this should be passed in this meeting tonight.
Cont. Ordinance #6748.
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6749: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE SEWAGE WORKS SYSTEM OF PRAIRIE UTILITIES, INC.
Second reading
Ordinance 6749 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Wyant moved for passage on ordinance #6749 on second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Councilman Wyant states, Whereas, Prairie Utilities, Inc. in Tipton County already services 53 houses on this sewage plant, and it is for sale for $225,000.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.

ORDINANCE 6751: AN ORDINANCE OF THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY’S HEALTH POWERS AS IT RELATES TO WEED CONTROL WITHIN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA
First reading (AS AMENDED)
Ordinance 6751 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Summers moved for suspension of the rules and pass ordinance #6751 on first and second reading (As Amended).
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Cont. Ordinance #6751.
Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Vote for suspension of the rules:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for suspension of the rules.

Councilman Summers moved for passage on second reading (As Amended), seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilman Summers states, Whereas, the City provides with the Health Powers which include controlling weeds within the City, and Whereas, it would be beneficial to the health and welfare of the citizens of Kokomo to amend certain standard procedures for the uniformed enforcement of weed control within the City of Kokomo to enhance the ordinance effectiveness. (Section I) Violation of this section shall occur when weeds or rank vegetation in a given location are found to exist in an average height in excess of 8 inches.

(Section II) amend to include an additional paragraph which reads as follows: If an initial notice of the violation of this ordinance was provided by certified mail or equivalent service the City may also include a continuous abatement notice posted at the property at the time of abatement instead of requiring additional notice by certified mail. A continuous abatement notice serves as notice to the real property owner that each subsequent violation during the same year for which the initial notice of the violation was provided may be abated by the City or its contractors.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first and second reading. (As Amended).
RESOLUTION 2648:  A Resolution by Kokomo Common Council Approving an Amendment to the City of Kokomo Comprehensive Plan

Resolution 2648 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on resolution #2648. Seconded by Councilman Cameron.

Councilwoman Young states, this is a resolution by the Kokomo Common Council approving an Amendment to the City of Kokomo Comprehensive Plan. The City Council adopted a Resolution approving the City of Kokomo Comprehensive Plan on September 24th, 2001; so whereas this amendment to the City of Kokomo Comprehensive Plan deal with the Common Council previously approved annexation ordinance which adds parcels on the Southeast side of the corporation limits of the City of Kokomo. This ordinance has not been previously subject to the City Comprehensive Plan, and has not been subject to the zoning code of the City of Kokomo. Therefore, be it resolved the City approves and adopts the amendment to the City of Kokomo Comprehensive Plan. The amendments to this Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Kokomo Plan Commission at a public hearing on March 11th, 2014. This resolution has been in full force and effected as of October 25th, 2013. I encourage my Council Members to pass this amendment to the City of Kokomo Comprehensive Plan.

President Kennedy states, if you re-call we did this one other time with another annexation. It just ties everything into City Codes, and City Ordinances properties that were in the County. We are basically just up-dating that Comprehensive Plan.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage.
RESOLUTION 2652:  A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

Resolution 2652 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Hayes moved for passage on resolution #2652. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilman Hayes states, this is purchase of a property located at 327 East Murden Street; which resides in a historically flood plain. This area floods quite a bit. It did suffer damage during our last flood. The City has entered into a program to purchase properties. This is a Resolution required by Law to purchase property by municipal.

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

RESOLUTION 2653:  A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY

Resolution 2653 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Hayes moved for passage on resolution #2653. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilman Hayes states, this is a resolution similar to the one we had before. This is in regards to the old Depot Area. We are putting in a resolution to purchase the old Depot Area for $45,000 and $160,000 for the (2) miles of right-of-way. This property is currently owned by the Central Railroad Company of Indianapolis.
Cont. Resolution #2653.
As a result of the agreement there will be some repair work done on (6) rail-road crossings. They are as follows: Jefferson and Washington, Main Street and North Morgan, Ohio Street and Richmond, North Street and Main Street, Morgan Street and Main Street, and US 9 31 South of East Havens, and that one will be done by December 31st. There is corresponding dates on completion on the other ones as well. I think this is going to be a good move for Downtown Kokomo; and gives the City and opportunity to development an under-development underutilized area of the City.

President Kennedy states, I think it will also tie into the trail system.

Councilman Summers states, several of us have had complaints about the rail-roads; so to get that to be part of the deal I think it’s a good thing.

Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage.

President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be April 14th, 2014 with an Informational Meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the Louks Room, and Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

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CITY CLERK