COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 14th, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday April 14th, 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.

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

Absent: Cameron

The minutes of the March 24th, 2014 Public Hearing & Council Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Kennedy states, Councilman Cameron is dealing with some personal issues, and will not be here this evening. I also want to remind you that we will have pictures taken at 5:30 on April 28th, 2014.

Jerry Paul 1326 South Webster Kokomo, Ind. states, I am the President of the Howard County Veterans Memorial Corporation Darrell Chapel Park. I come before you again this year to ask you for your financial support. This last phase is a $128,000, and right now for the statue we are going to own another $117,000. When you see this monument you are not going to see this monument anywhere else in the United States. It is going to be an original. We are asking for your support, and please try to help us out.

Councilwoman Sanders states, I just want to commend you for your hard work and representing many people.
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Pam Jones 236 West 400 South Kokomo, Ind. states, as you have seen in the News over the past several years the Post Office is under-attack. They are wanting to dismantle it. They want to do away with door to door delivery, and Saturday delivery. We are trying to bring awareness to everybody that we possibly can.

President Kennedy states, I think Councilman Haworth is working on a Resolution in support of the Postal Workers. We can-not do much other then support the efforts.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

President Kennedy states, we are going to open-up our meeting now to any project up-dates.

Josie Schimpf states, I am with Mecca Companies we are responsible for building the Student Housing right across from IUK Campus. I just want to thank you for everything you have done for us.

Councilman Miklik asks, when will it be finished?

Josie Schimpf states, it will be ready for occupancy August 1\textsuperscript{st}. We have been leasing now for about three weeks.

David Dubois 731 Riverview Drive Kokomo, Ind. states, I am the Executive Director/CEO for YMCA of Kokomo. With me here tonight is Marc Wallace and Bob Knowling. First of all I just want to thank you for allowing me to give you an up-date. We are on tract. We have raised some-where in the neighborhood of $9.7 Million Dollars. We are still looking at a $16 Million Dollar goal; from a development stand-point we are in the tail end of the design development phase.
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We are within 30 days I’m told of being completed with a design of development phase, and then we will move into construction document phase, and the bidding in the next few months. Our goal right now is to complete the fund raising by the end of this August. Our goal is to have the $16 Million Dollars committed. We are expecting to be completed at a 100% of funding committed by the end of August. On May 2nd we are kicking off our Community Campaign. Our goal right now from a construction stand-point is to begin construction Sept 1st. It is depending on the Parking Garage being completed. I have been told that they are on tract to be finished at the end of June or middle of July. We are looking at a 15 month maximum construction period. Our goal has been to open our doors on or about December 1st, 2015. It is a 73,000 square foot building that will be available. We have hundreds of folks who are working on the campaign. We are doing a lot with a very little bit of time with a big goal to get it done. We are excited about it and ready to make it happen.

President Kennedy asks, is the plan still there to keep the old original building?

David Dubios states, yes. Our building was built in 3 sections. The 1910 section, second section 1957. The adorn was added in 1965. The plan is to take the 1957 expansion and 1965 expansion down and restore the 1910 original piece, and find another tenant who will take it.

President Kennedy asks, do you plan selling it, or will you retain the owner-ship?

David Dubios states, no. We are working with the City Administration to try to figure out how we make that all happen.
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Councilwoman Sanders asks? The people that will be doing the work are they local?

David Dubios states, our goal when we do the bidding process is to hire as much local talent as we possibly can. I am talking about the construction phase. I have been here for 15 years; so I know a lot of local people folks here in many of the trades. Instead of a General Contractor we are doing Construction Management Contract. They will advise me on all of that. We have been very clear in the interview phases for architect as well as for construction management that we want to bring as much local work as we can.

Councilman Summers states, you said May 2\textsuperscript{nd}. Can you give us a brief out-line on what is going to be on that date?

David Dubios states, it is in conjunction with First Friday. It is going to be that evening. It is going to be downtown. It is going to be a celebration. There will be more information coming out as soon as we have more.

Councilwoman Sanders states, it’s a family place; just getting people excited in the community; just the marketing part of it; so that the people will know what their putting their money towards. What the benefit is going to be to the community.

David Dubios states, that is part of what we are shooting at on May 2\textsuperscript{nd}. We are really trying to communicate our message. They Y is a significant factor not only in this community but in thousands and thousands communities across this country. The impact that we have in life’s of people is significant, and has been for years and will be for years of the future. The thing I like most about this project what we are doing today is paying off 10 years from now, 25 years from now and 50 years from now in this community.
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The organization itself will still be having significant impact long after I’m gone. I like the idea of doing something that’s not just for now but for tomorrow.

Councilman Miklik states, I would like to commend you and Mr. Wallace and Mr. Knowling and the community of Kokomo for how far we have gotten this quickly and to this point. This is a huge job and one that is still an up-hill battle.

President Kennedy states, there are a million of stories who have grown up at the Y and has been successful because of things that happen at the Y. We can-not wait until we stick that first shovel in the ground, and add to the beauty of downtown.

President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be April 28th, 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 7:30 P.M.

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