The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday May 11th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Hayes.

Invocation was offered by Councilwoman Sanders.

Pledge:

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the April 27th Council Meeting Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Hayes states, we will schedule a Public Hearing for June 8th, 2015 for the following Ordinances: #6783, #6786, #6787, #6788, and #6789. Public Hearings will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

I would like to make a correction on something that I said to Mr. Adam Renshaw last week; in reference to Referendums. Indiana does indeed have referendums; and a referendum in Indiana is a public question placed on a ballot by local units. Past referendums have included construction projects; for various taxing units including Schools, and operating needs for schools. Currently there are several referendums on the dockets in the State of Indiana but they are for school construction projects. Referendum on the Baseball Stadium would be null in-void because we have already proceeded on that. I just wanted to make that clarification.
Cont. Communications.
Councilman Miklik states, I was privileged enough to run the Mini Marathon last week. I ran into a gentleman by the name of Rich Bass from South Carolina. He said to me, I was in Gas City last week. Kokomo has the best dirt track in America. I come every year to Kokomo and the local tracks. I will be back in June for dirt car racing at Kokomo. He could not say enough about it.

Janie and I talked to this young man by the name of Zachery Watterson who happened to be a Kokomo High School senior. He made a decision as a sophomore in High School to commute to Kokomo High School every-day for two years. He is from Logansport. He has a forty-five minute drive everyday one-way; so that he can take academic classes available. The young man is graduating in the top of his class. He applied for a scholarship. It re-informs my faith in the youth that he had that discipline and ability. He also owns his business now. I wanted to share that with the other Council Members. The City of Kokomo, and the Community are doing good things.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 6783: AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA
First reading

Ordinance 6783 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Haworth moved for passage on ordinance #6783 on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Councilman Haworth states, the alley in question was laid out in Marott’s Park Addition in 1907. The alley in question was not installed or used as originally planned and is grass covered.
Cont. Ordinance #6783.
A proposed vacation of alley right-of-way is 15 foot wide by 127.5 foot in length. Properties at 703 W. Defenbaugh, 705 W. Defenbaugh and 1509 S. Indiana, are adjacent to the North of the right-of-way will each acquire a 7.5 by 42.5 foot portion of the alley when vacated. Property located at 1511 S. Indiana adjacent to the South of the right-of-way will acquire 127.5 by 7.5 foot portion (the South half) of the alley when vacated.

The alley, once vacated cannot be built upon because a sanitary sewer exists in the right of way and an easement will be reserved for the maintenance of the sewer. The alley, once vacated, becomes the exclusive property of the adjacent owners subject to the easement and can be fenced or uses in anyway a residential property is used. Portable type “garden” or tool sheds can be placed on the vacated ground as they can be moved in the case of a needed sewer repair so long as there is no permanent foundation poured in the vacated right-of-way area.

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

ORDINANCE 6786: AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAYS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA

Ordinance 6786 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Wyant moved for passage on ordinance #6786 on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Cameron.

Councilman Wyant states, whereas the City of Kokomo petitions this body to vacate a portion of certain right-of-ways located in the City of Kokomo.
Cont. Ordinance #6786.
Whereas the vacation of the right-of-way would not limit access to any real estate or hinder the growth or development of the neighborhood in which it is located; and whereas it is found that proper notice was given in accordance with IC 36-7-12 and IC 5-3-1.
One alley is east side of 608 West Butler Street and goes North of Butler 120 feet. The second alley goes North off Butler between 612 and 616 West Butler 120 feet. The third alley goes East from North Morrison to Davis Road 198 feet. This is mainly all grass.

Councilman Summers states, just for the record I was a notified party of a parcel that I do own down in that area. However I will not benefit from this vacated alley. I attend to vote.

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

ORDINANCE 6787: AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAYS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA
First reading

Ordinance 6787 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Wyant moved for passage on ordinance #6787 on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilman Wyant states, whereas the City of Kokomo has petitioned this body to vacate portions of a contained right away located in the City of Kokomo; and where as it is found that proper notice was given in accordance with IC 36-7-12 and IC 5-3-1.; in the 1200 block of East Gano. This alley goes north of Gano for 331.70 feet.
Cont. Ordinance #6787.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6788:
AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAYS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA
First reading
Ordinance 6788 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Wyant moved for passage on ordinance #6788 on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilman Wyant states, whereas the City of Kokomo has petitioned this body to vacate portions of contained right-of-way located in the City of Kokomo; and whereas it is found that proper notice was given in accordance with IC 36-7-12 and IC 5-3-1. This is 2400 block of North Diamond for 334.9 feet; and also will be vacating Welton Street from the 2400 block of North Ohio Street goes East 469.9 feet to US 931.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6789:
AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAYS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA
First reading
Ordinance 6789 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Cameron moved for passage on ordinance #6789 on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Wyant.
Cont. Ordinance #6789.
Councilman Cameron states, this alley is South of Johnson Body’s Shop located at 714 North Lafountain Street. It then projects West thru 318 East Monroe Street which is a building that sets there; and then it goes to the rail-road tracks. The right-of-way for the alley is still there. The vacation is to remove the City’s interest in the right-of-way portion of the property.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading.

President Hayes states this marks the end of this Council Meeting; and our next Council Meeting will be May 18th, 2015 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room, and Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK