The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday June 23rd, 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, Young, Cameron, Haworth, Hayes, Kennedy, Summers, Sanders, Miklik

Absent: None

The minutes of the June 9th, 2014 Council Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: President Kennedy states, we do have some Council Appointments to the Kokomo Community Arts Commission. They are as follows: Re-appointments John Wiles, and Tammy Mohr, and New Appointments Peter Shah, and Beth Notaro. These appointments were unanimous by the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Hayes states, a press release was put out about our final negotiations and settlement of a contract with the Fire Fighters. We had some members of the Council that I think showed true dedication to this process; that was Councilman Mike Wyant, and Councilman Donnie Haworth. We had two veteran Council Members there. They represented not only the Council but the taxpayers. I also want to thank the administration and that was Kathy Horton our HR Director here at the City and Randy McKay.
Cont. Communications.
Councilman Cameron states, I attended a funeral Saturday morning and notice for when the family drove up there was no cones. I called Chief Baker and less than five minutes he was there.

Councilwoman Young states, one day last week Duke Energy and half of their employees that came from out of town were here in the community doing volunteer service. They were at Studebaker Park working. They really made a change. Delphi had their employees out at Pettit Park working. We want you to start going to the parks and see the things that the industrials are really helping us improve here in Kokomo.

Councilman Hayes states, the smoking comprehensive ban committee will have its first meeting, and again these are tentative dates, but we are looking at June 30th. We are trying to get IUK Kreesge Auditorium. We would like to try to have this be a joint committee with the County Commissioners and the Smoking Committee; so it is moving along.

Councilman Summers states, I would like to give you an update on are Animal Ordinance. Myself and Councilman Cameron met with the Humane Society, and we also have met with the Board of Health. We have obtained some information from them, and requested additional thoughts and ideas to make this ordinance a little bit better. What I am looking at is to try and obtain that information by the July 28th Meeting to have a formal and final draft; and to bring a final proposal to the Council on August 11th.

Vicki Emry 2504 Kent Avenue Kokomo, Ind. states, I want to thank Mr. Cameron for setting in motion more stuff that took place in the last two weeks than they did since March.
Cont. Communications.
Councilman Cameron states, it was a joint effort. I told you we would keep you informed and I think Kevin has done a nice job filling you in. I think the ordinance is a strong ordinance; but I think there are some loose ends in there.

Vicki Emry states, I just want to inform you that two more carriers got chased by dogs last week. There still is a lot of work to be done.

President Kennedy states, we don’t enforce the ordinances; but when we find out that they have not been followed we have to know details. When you are dealing with other contracted organizations like Humane Society and Animal Control, sometimes they say their doing things and they are not. That is what we are addressing right now. Hopefully we will make a better ordinance.

Noah Wells 2537 West Carter Street Kokomo, Ind. states, I was attacked by a pit bull on West Jackson Street. I just want to make people aware of our jobs. The Police Department did respond very quickly.

President Kennedy states, Animal Control is the one that is supposed to respond. That is what our problem is. That is why we are going to have to address the situation. We want you to be safe on your job.

Councilman Summers states, what we are looking at is to tie up some loose ends. We do not want to make light of any situation. Anybody out there that has an issue; it needs to be reported.

Pamela Clevenger 110 South Main Galveston Ind. states, I am a City Letter Carrier also. I was attacked Friday by a pit-bull on North Indiana.
Cont. Communications.
I did call the Police after I was attacked and they did come; but there was no report filed.

Councilman Kennedy asks did Animal Control come out?

Pam Clevenger states, no.

President Kennedy states, that’s what I don’t understand.

Councilman Summers states, if that dog is in an aggressive manner Humane Society is not capable of being able to put that dog down. We as a Police Department are going to respond to that.

Tom McDonough 402 Webster Court Kokomo, Ind. states, I have been in the pet industry for over 20 years. In Fort Wayne there is actually a model for a Division of the Police Force that is Animal Control. They will take care of the situation. That might be a good model for you to look at. They do not have problems like this. These guys are in control all the time.

President Kennedy states, we looked at this ordinance a couple of years ago.

Trena Moberly 426 Mirage Drive Kokomo, Ind., Marla Jones 6084 Blue Grass Road Kokomo, Ind. states, we are here on the same thing. We are members of Dog Days Volunteers of Kokomo. Which works with the dog parks and closely with the Parks Department, Humane Society, and Police Department, and City Attorney when we have an incident in the area. Police Department does respond when we have a problem; but does not make a Police Report. Police Department has been telling us lately that they have a contract with the Humane Society so they don’t make the reports.
Cont. Communications.
Marla Jones states, the park rules which were put up by the City say all aggressive dogs must leave the park; when this happen Trena told her to leave the park. She would not leave so she called the Police. When the Police person came, he was afraid to come into the park, and Trena informed him about the Ordinance and he said don’t worry nobody has to leave. You have a bigger problem than just enforcement.

President Kennedy states, that’s when you should put a call into the Chief of Police.

Councilman Summers states, we have to look at the incidents as they happen, and address those. We need a check point from the start of the bite and the call to the end resolution. That’s our goal.

Councilman Cameron states, we are paying a lot of money to get this stuff done. What we are finding out there is no follow thru.

Randy McKay Director of Operations states, we pay the Humane Society $307,000 a year annually to take care of this issue. They are to be there 12 hours a day. We pay additional fee for any after hour call. What I suggest is Mr. President you appoint (2) Council Members, I will get Chief Baker, Jean McGroarty the Executive Director of Humane Society and we will find out what is going on. Have them get with me and we will get this scheduled.

Lisa Beam 1821 East 100 North Kokomo, Ind. states, a few years ago a little girl was mauled and killed by a pit-bull. I understand that dogs have bad days. If you all could walk a mile in our shoes for one day you would understand. I have been a carrier for 30 years and I have been bit 6 times. This is important to us. We would appreciate anything you could do.
Cont. Communications.
Councilman Miklik states, Mr. Cameron and Mr. Summers are absolutely right; it is accountability issue with the people we have employed; so I trust that you guys get that done.

President Kennedy states, it is the owner responsibility plain and simple.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Cameron states, I want to give you an up-date on the Dancers Licenses. I have had several meetings with the Chief, and with Council Attorney Corbin King. The Police Department and the Administration is doing what we asked them to do about certain clubs around town. Everybody agrees that we need to do something; but it is going to come down to budget time on money what it is going to take. I have asked Mr. McKay to give me a rough estimate what man-power would be. I think we are going in the right direction. It is a code enforcement issue. It is going to take time.

ORDINANCE 6759:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE
PAWNBROKER, SECONDHAND
DEALER, PRECIOUS METALS
AND STONES DEALER, AND
VALUABLE METALS DEALER
WITHIN THE CITY OF KOKOMO,
INDIANA. (AS AMENDED)
First reading

Ordinance 6759 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Summers moved for passage on ordinance #6759 on first reading (As Amended). Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Cont. Ordinance #6759.

Councilman Summers states, Whereas, it would be beneficial to the citizens of Kokomo to amend certain standard procedures for the uniform enforcement of pawnbrokers and dealers within the City of Kokomo to enhance the ordinance effectiveness. Now therefore be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana, as follows:

Section I it will require the business to manage and employees to retain that property for 10 days after the transaction has been electronically transmitted to the Kokomo Police Department for any such goods or articles, except precious metals may be disposed of or sold.

Section II it would require a clear photo of each article or articles pledged that captures all characteristics of each individual piece including any serial numbers, names, numbers, letters, special features or other unique identifying marks. Any item that contains a manufacturer’s serial number must be entered with the correct serial number. If not it needs to be corrected within (24) hours and then that 10 day period would take affect after the (24) hour correction.

Section III Any stolen article located by law enforcement in a place of business operated by a pawnbroker, secondhand dealer, precious metals and stones dealer or valuable metals dealer is subject to confiscation by law enforcement. Law enforcement will provide a written receipt for any confiscated property. Every pawnbroker, secondhand dealer, precious metals and stones dealer and valuable metals dealer is subject to a fine up to $2500.00 for any violation of this ordinance.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 9 to 0 for passage on first reading (As Amended).
ORDINANCE 6763:  
Rezoning: C1 to C2  
Location: 311 South 00 East West  
Petitioner: Christine McDonough  
First reading  

Ordinance 6763 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Young moved for passage on ordinance #6763 on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.

Councilwoman Young states, Christine McDonough doing business as a Special Touch Dog Grooming is requesting this rezoning from C1 (Small to Medium Scale General Commercial) to C2 (Medium to Large Scale General Commercial) in order to operate a Dog Grooming Salon and Kennel. This property is located down 931.

Christine McDonough 402 Webster Court Kokomo, Ind. states, I already have academy. I have been doing that for five years. I noticed in your listing from C1 to C2; C1 does not even allow me to have the academy; so I definitely need to have it rezoned to be able to teach people to do grooming as a career. It’s a State Certified Program. I do hope to add boarding. I probably will not do any more then 25 dogs at a time.

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

President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be July 14th, 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.
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Adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK