COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 9th, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday June 9th, 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 Councilwoman Sanders.

Pledge:

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the May 27th, 2014 Public Hearing & Council Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be June 23rd, 2014 with an Informational Meeting at 6:30 P.M., and Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Bob Hayes states, we need to acknowledge that we have received the CF-1 Forms from the Development Department for the following Companies and Resolutions: Chrysler Group LLC (2351, 2403, 2404, 2487, 2577/2578, 2584/2685/2602, 2633) Delphi (2388, 2545, and 2574/2576, 2594), GMCH (2388 and 2545), Greg Stephens/Stephens Machine (2527), Fed Ex Ground (2604) and MS Kokomo, LLC (2629).

President Kennedy states, this list is just for your information in the audience. This is a yearly review of all Tax Abatement issues.
Cont. Communications.
It’s a requirement by the State and also the City; to review any Tax Abatement issues that are being given, and to make sure each of these companies are complying with the agreements that they entered into with the City as far as Tax Abatements are concerned. It’s a matter of just reading them into the minutes. They have been reviewed by the Development Department. Once they are read into the minutes I sign them off and their good for another year.

Don Burris 227 Ariel Court Kokomo, Ind. states, Kokomo does have Human Trafficking. I am bringing this to your attention.

Pam Jones 236 West 400 South Kokomo, Ind. states, I am the Vice President of the National Association Carriers Branch 533. January of this year we had a carrier in injured by a pit-bull attack. We have since been trying to work with the Council about the Dog Ordinance that is on the books plus what we could do to make this ordinance better for the citizens of Kokomo. Unfortunally we have not been able to get that job done. We were told to direct our concerns toward Mr. Summers. We did in-fact direct our attention towards Mr. Summers and it has gone nowhere at the last meeting.

Mr. Summers informed us that Mr. Cameron was over the Safety & Welfare of the City, and that there would be a meeting set up. We have been promised that numerous times. I am asking you President Kennedy are you responsible for the Council Members or is there someone else we need to go to? This is a very serious matter. You have an ordinance on the books that was not enforced. You need to have additions added to that ordinance in order to strengthen it. We have talked to Council person Sanders and she has been very responsive; however she has not been able to get the cooperation or communication going that needs to be done.
Cont. Communications.
So I bring it to your attention tonight. We would like to move forward on this issue. I would like to know from you who is responsible on this Board for that particular matter?

Councilman Summers states, I would like to give you an up-date. We have met with Jean McGroarty at the Humane Society. There are some recommendations that she would like to include. Councilman Cameron and I have looked at different dates and were not able to get together. I have left a message with Jean McGroarty on her phone. I am waiting to hear back from her. We will get those dates set-up and we will also include you.

President Kennedy states, you indicated that the ordinance was not enforced. You must have some ideals, and I would like to see what those ideals are. When Councilman Cameron gets a meeting set-up we will inform you. You need to get those recommendations to Councilman Cameron. If you think the ordinance does not work then let us know what is not working in the ordinance.

Councilman Wyant asks, are they not enforcing what we already have on the books? If they enforced what we have is it ok or not ok?

Pam Jones states, in this particular incident the ordinance that is on the books was not enforced. If it would have been enforced I would not be standing here today.

Councilman Summers states, Councilman Wyant there is some gray areas. I also spoke with Council King where we need to up-date. Each incident is going to be different. What we look to do is to put that meeting together bring their ideas in addition to the Humane Society. I feel confident in the ordinance that we have now it’s just something that needs to be tweaked, and there are things that need to be included that came out of the State House.
Cont. Communications. 
President Kennedy states, I think the other thing that we need as far as information is why, and what was not enforced in that ordinance?

Councilwoman Sanders states, the Council Members are looking at this seriously. We are looking at everything. We want to be able to make the ordinance better and stronger. We just ask that you have the trust that we are going to try and do what is best for the community.

President Kennedy states, we are going to work on it in a Committee.

Councilman Summers states, we are not going to prevent a dog from biting anybody in our community. What we hope to do is make civil judgments to where people can understand that they need to keep these dogs contained. We will continue to work with Councilman Cameron.

Councilman Hayes asks, you said you had suggestions as to what can strengthen it; we need to get those ideas.

Richard Emry 2504 Kent Avenue Kokomo, Ind. states, I am Vicki’s husband, something needs to be done. He voiced his concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Hayes states, you signed me a task of forming a Committee to look at our current Smoking Ordinance, and look for amendments or what-ever this Committee wants to bring forward to the Council as a Whole. I am honored to say I had (5) Council Members that agreed. Councilwoman Janie Young, Councilman Mike Wyant, Councilman Bob Cameron, Councilman Tom Miklik, Councilman Kevin Summers, and myself as Chair of this Committee.
Cont. Committee Reports.
We will start the process working with the County; and bring back something that this Council can act upon. Tonight I made sure that all Council Members received a copy of the current ordinance; so they can do some study. Also you have received an electronic copy.

President Kennedy states, an eventually all Council Members will be involved in our discussion. We are going to start out with a review of the current ordinances, and we will take input from any groups that want to give us inputs and we will move forward from that point.

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Adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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