The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday August 24th, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kennedy.

Invocation was offered by Councilwoman Sanders. A special pray was given to President Hayes for his full recovery.

Pledge:

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

Absent: Hayes

The minutes of the August 10th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: Vice President Kennedy states, our next meeting will be September 14th, 2015; with a Public Hearing on Ordinance #6807 at 6:00 P.M.; and Council Meeting immediately following.

Councilman Hayes had open heart surgery today; a triple by-pass. He had three blockages that were very severe. We have heard that he did get thru the surgery in good shape; and he will have a lengthy recovery. Our prayers are with him, and hopefully he will be back with us soon.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.
Cont. Communications.
Major Tony Arnett Kokomo Police Department states, what I passed out to you are the still existing problems that have taken place in the last year. For four years our Department has met with representatives from the Sheriff’s Department and their Dispatch Center. All the complaints that you are currently looking at which have happened in this year alone have been brought up over the last four years; what brought it to light obviously was the incident with Mrs. Ford; as tragic as it was it did highlight a problem that is still taking place out there.

Mainly Dispatchers sending people to the wrong address being EMS, Fire, Police these are things that have been addressed behind closed doors; some of the things that were brought up in those meetings were someone is going to get hurt. I was talking about mainly us or a Firefighter but unfortunately a citizen had an injury or a death out of this; that is why it became public. Some of you were not there but I went to a Council Meeting and addressed this problem. It was called Political Theatrics I basically asked for help. I just pointed out the problem and I asked for help and I said fix it. I made a comment that if you wanted the complaints it’s going to take a box. As of today they have that box of all the complaints emails, written anything that went on with any calls that have gone on in the last four years.

The reason I am here is to basically catch you up with what we have tried to do. It is still going on. Since our meeting two specific incidents is with the Fire Department being sent to two wrong addresses; August 10th, and August 18th. It is important that everybody knows why it has to be fixed. It involves everybody setting in here; your family, friends, people in the community, Howard County also. We want to work with the Sheriff; but the bottom line is that they got a few Dispatchers that apparently can-not do the job.
Cont. Communications.
As a Police Officer we have a FTO Program if a new rookie is on the street and there not doing the job they get what they call an NRT not responding to training; if you get a lot of those you are going to get terminated. I have brought this to your attention to try and catch you up as to what I tried to do with the Council Meeting. I would prefer to handle this beyond public media; but unfortunately it is still going on, and I am going to tell you right now someone is going to get hurt again it’s going to happen. I just want you to be aware of what’s happening. This is not a political game. I didn’t know that asking for help or asking someone to fix it was considered a political game. I appreciate your time.

Vice President Kennedy states, we do appreciate the up-date. It is nice to get a report. Thank you very much.

ORDINANCE 6803: AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SALARIES OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, ASSISANTS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, UNIFORMED POLICE AND FIRE, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:
First reading

Ordinance 6803 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Miklik moved for passage on ordinance #6803 on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.
Cont. Ordinance #6803.
Councilman Miklik states, the salary ordinance #6803 reflects the same salaries from last year with three exceptions. The Corporate Counsel weekly salary has gone up $90.00 pursuant to the agreement extending the FOP Contract the closing alliance has increased to $2,000 a year, and Fire Captain Chauffeur all receive a 2% pay increase pursuant to the contract that was negotiated. I would recommend the Council pass this salary ordinance on first reading.

Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
Abstain: Summers
The vote was 7 to 0 for passage on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6804:
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016

First reading

Ordinance 6804 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Miklik moved for passage on ordinance #6804 on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilman Miklik states, this ordinance fixes the salaries of Elected Officials for the City of Kokomo. There has been no change. The Mayor salary remains the same as 2007 level. Whereas all the salaries of the Elected Officials of the City of Kokomo were last fixed by the Common Council in 2014, and they stay the same; Common Council, and City Clerk.
Cont. Ordinance #6804.  
Vote for passage follows:  
Aye: All  
Nay: None  
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on first reading.

ORDINANCE 6807: Additional Appropriation from the Barrett Law Revolving Improvement Fund in the amount of $175,000  
First reading  

Ordinance 6807 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Summers moved for passage on ordinance #6807 on first reading.  
Seconded by Councilwoman Sanders.  
Councilman Summers states, ordinance #6807 reads as follows:  
The Department of Engineering, Traffic, and Inspection Services is requesting the Kokomo Common Council transfer $175,000 from the Barrett Law Surplus Fund to the Barrett Law Revolving Fund to provide for the construction of the 2015 Barrett Law Sidewalk Project. This project included curbs, and sidewalks at the following locations: 800 Block of West Taylor Street (south side) 1100 Block of North Indiana (both sides) 1100 Block of North Armstrong (west side) Harrison and Union Streets (north and east sides) at Main Street Methodist Church.  

This Barrett Law would be at least 60% of the property owners in each of these blocks have petitioned for the improvements. The property owners are responsible for 50% of the cost and can either pay 100% of their portion when the improvements are completed or finance the improvements for up to 10 years. These sidewalk improvements are in addition to the individual 50/50 program. The city has set aside $55,000 out of the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund budget to fund these single lot sidewalk improvements. Property owners have been signing up and this program is moving forward.
Cont. Ordinance #6807.
Vice President Kennedy states, this is the Ordinance that will have a Public Hearing on September 14th at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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

Vice President Kennedy states, I do want to thank Councilman Miklik, and Councilman Summers for taking those items this evening that were assigned to me; appreciate your indulgence in looking at those and bringing them along.

Vice President Kennedy states this marks the end of this Council Meeting; and our next Council Meeting will be September 14th, 2015 with an Informational Meeting at 5:30 P.M. in the Louks Room; Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, and Council Meeting immediately following.

Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK