COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 10th, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday November 10th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Ivy Tech Convention Center at the Kokomo Automotive Museum.

The meeting was called to order by President Kennedy.

Invocation was offered by Councilman Hayes.

Pledge:

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

Absent: Miklik

The minutes of the October 27th, 2014 & Special Council Minutes October 30th, 2014 & Special Council Minutes November 6th, 2014 were declared approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Kennedy states, I would like to start out by thanking several groups, Ivy Tech Event Center for setting us up in here, and I also want to thank the Hosting from the Museum folks here. It is a wonderful place to come and spend some-time. I also want to thank the KGOV folks for coming, and course of all of you for being here this evening. We have not done a meeting like this on the road before so it does require preparation; so we appreciate you being here. I would like to invite Jeff Shively from the Museum.

Jeff Shively states, we are really honored to have the Kokomo Common Council meet here. I am glad we are the first site you choose; so thank you very much. I am the Acting Executive Director of the Museum. I have been here 2 ½ years. September 5th thru the 11th, 2016 we are going to post a week long Automobile Celebration.
Cont. Communications.
We are going to show case Kokomo. We are also going to have historic tours running thru the week; that way people who come here can see what Kokomo has to offer; not only Automotive, but our entire history. The entire City of Kokomo, and all of Howard County is going to benefit.

Councilman Summers states, on November 11th Veterans Day our Community is going to be Honoring Veterans Day. I just want to show respect this evening, and pay tribute to ones that have been before, and ones that are currently serving our Country.

Marla Jones 1684 Bluegrass Road Kokomo, Ind. states, I am part of the dog parks group called Dogs Day Volunteers of Kokomo. All of you have received a formal invitation to our Warrior Dog Memorial tomorrow at 4:00 P.M. We will have a very meaning-full ceremony, and we are pleased to say that Grissom is sending their Honor Guards, Kokomo High School is sending their Choir. We have Mr. John Meeks coming who is going to give us a brief presentation on War Dogs.

Marla Jones states, we have petitioned two signs for each of the Parks. The one sign is for dog owners when they come in both their legal and financial obligation. The one sign is for protocol what they are supposed to do and who they are supposed to call.

Councilwoman Sanders states, I just want to say thank you for that because it takes the people in the community to help make it work.

Robert Ambrose 1310 Westbrook Drive Kokomo, Ind. states, I want to thank you for your work on Human Trafficking to dimension the negative secondary effects of such length. He made a brief presentation.
Cont. Communications.
In an effort to show the Council that you have strong community support within the last week over 135 citizens wanted to stand with you by adding their names to this letter.

President Kennedy states, thank you very much. We will continue working on this activity thru the rest of this year and next year.

Ann Emes states, last year Kokomo was the first place outside of Indianapolis to host this Chemist Challenge from 5th, to 8th graders. This year it is March 7th. The Challenge is an exciting academic contest that uses the drama of competition to encourage students to explore important chemistry concepts, scientific discoveries, and laboratory safety.

Marlon Sparling 4008 Colter Court Kokomo, Ind. states, I am a lifelong resident of the City. I represent Pastors of Prayer. There are about 35 of us that come together to pray for our City. We have been doing this every Wednesday at noon to 1:00 P.M. We meet at Grace United Methodist Church and we have been doing this for 15 years. I want you folks to know your individually on our pray list; and we pray for you and for the welfare of this City. We are grateful for your services.

President Kennedy states, thank you very much. We appreciate that.

There were no committee reports given at this regular meeting.
ORDINANCE 6778: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 78, SCHEDULE V, ENTITLED “SPEED LIMITS GENERALLY” OF THE KOKOMO CITY CODE (1982) 
Second reading

Ordinance 6778 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Summers moved for passage on ordinance #6778 on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Haworth.
Councilman Summers states, this is a reduction in speed along Washington Street from Markland to Lincoln road. It will be reduced down from 40 MPH to 30 MPH. I had an inquirer from Councilwoman Sanders at the last meeting about maybe taking that a little further South of Lincoln to Washington and South Lafountain. I spoke with the City Engineer Carey Stranahan and due to the construction in that area right now he would prefer that we hold off reducing that speed until that intersection is completed. We could do a valuation at that point if it needed to be reduced.
Vote for passage follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None
The vote was 8 to 0 for passage on second reading.
RESOLUTION 2664: A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOKOMO, INDIANA PROVIDING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCING OF CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES TO BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF KOKOMO, INDIANA.

Resolution 2664 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Hayes moved for passage on resolution #2664. Seconded by Councilman Summers.

Councilman Hayes states, this Resolution starts the process for a Bond Issuance of the YMCA project in downtown Kokomo. This resolution goes thru the legal requirements of establishing a bond and getting the bond process started. We also have in the audience our Financial Consultant when it comes to bonds Mr. Robert Swintz from London Witte Group; should anybody have questions he would be more than happy to answer. There are Representatives here from the YMCA. I encourage passage of this resolution.

President Kennedy states, this is just a start of the process so we have to do a resolution to get the whole ball rolling on this activity; so there will be many chances from an ordinance stand-point to actually get into the details of the bond issuance.

Councilman Summers states, Mr. Debois he has done a fantastic job in getting this all put together, and Mr. Ron Metz, without the two of them we would still be waiting.
Cont. Resolution #2664.
I want to pay respect to those individuals for making this happen. It is going to be a great community center for our community here.

Councilman Hayes states, this is not the end this is the beginning. There is still a lot of work as Councilman Summers said.

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

President Kennedy states, our next Council Meeting will be
November 24th, 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 7:35 P.M.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK