The Common Council of the City of Kokomo, Indiana met Monday October 19th, 2020 at 6:00p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by President Rudolph.

President Rudolph states, those who wish to stand may, or you can remain seated.

Councilwoman Sanders introduced Pastor Drew Mathews of Grace Baptist Church to give invocation.

Pledge was led by Councilman Collins.

Present: Rudolph, Grecu, Acord, Collins, R. Stewart, Sanders, McKibben, Miklik

Absent: T. Stewart

The minutes of the Council Meeting held September 28th, 2020 were declared approved as presented.

Communications:

John Roberts of Kokomo, Indiana states, he is a representative of the Kokomo Howard County Animal Ordinance Committee. A committee made up of concerned citizens. He is here to work with the city council and County to try and adopt a new animal ordinance. He has put together a sample book for all the Council members.

Councilman Rudolph states, the Council will be forming a committee and that Councilman Grecu will head up that committee. To review the animal ordinance.

Carol Holder of Kokomo states, there are several dogs that run loose in the neighborhood and feel the laws are very weak on dogs.

Deb Smith of Kokomo states, she understands the issue with the animals, and feels the need to do something now. She is a big supporter of animals.

President Rudolph states, Councilman Grecu has been in touch with the County and will be working with them to come up with an Ordinance that works for all.

Committee Reports: Councilwoman McKibben states, the Kokomo Redevelopment Commission met October 9th, 2020. Two items of discussion utilizing TIF Funds. They were a bid from E&B Paving for the project in front of City Hall for 216,710.58 and TIF Funds for a project at Inventrek located in Kokomo, IN. in the amount of 172,710.

ORDINANCE #6971 Case P10-Z-20 is the petition of Fortune Companies, INC requesting the Kokomo Plan Commission petition and recommend to the Kokomo Common Council for a change in zone classification from C1 (small to medium general commercial) to IS (institutional uses) for property
described as D C Metsker’s 2nd addn. lots 15 & 16, containing 0.24 acres, more or less, City of Kokomo, enter Township, Howard County, Indiana, at 317 W. Jefferson St. Kokomo IN. 46901

Ordinance #6971 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Sanders moved for passage on Ordinance #6971 on first reading; seconded by Councilman Grecu. Councilwoman Sanders states the petitioner Fortune Companies, INC. are requesting change in zone classification from C1 (small to medium general commercial) to IS (institutional uses) for property located at 317 W. Jefferson St. Kokomo, IN. 46901

James Wittek states this will be 8 bed drug and rehab facility. To service the local community. It will employ/provide 17-20 new job opportunities to start. The proposed name of the Facility is First City Recovery Center.

Paul Wyman Kokomo states he is the President of the board of Turning Point, he feels we are making a statement as a community, we are rising up to the challenge of the drug issues in our community. And this is another positive step forward with a facility like this.

Vote for passage on first reading follows:
Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote was 8-0 for passage on first reading

ORDINANCE #6972 Case p12-Z-20 is the petition of Brian & Faye Haworth, requesting the Kokomo City Plan Commission petition and recommend to the Kokomo Common Council for a change in zone classification from R4(urban residential) to NC (neighborhood commercial) for property describe as Hamlin Highland lots 433 & 434 containing 0.344 acres, more or less, City of Kokomo, Center Township, Howard County, Indiana, at 1729 & 1735 S. Market St. Kokomo IN. 46902

Ordinance #6972 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilwoman Sanders moved for passage on Ordinance #6972 on first reading: seconded by Councilman Miklik. Councilwoman Sanders states the petitioner Brian & Faye Haworth are requesting a change in zone classification from R4 (urban residential) to NC (neighborhood commercial) for property located at 1729 & 1735 S Market St. Kokomo IN. 46902

Faye Haworth Kokomo, states this is to make a parking lot for the convenience and safety of their customers.

Fred Schafer Kokomo, stated the residents of the neighborhood of Hoffer and Market St. want to make it known that they oppose the expansion of the business of Dan’s Bakery. He presented the Council a letter and a list of signatures. Some key points of the letter follow.
The traffic that accompanies the increase of business, the late night crowd, the younger crowd who have no respect of the surrounding properties, the level of noise late at night.

Penny Martin of Kokomo, stated they have nothing against the Haworth’s or the Bakery, they’re great. She just feels they may have out grown their location. She wants the Council to know they oppose this Ordinance.

Faye Haworth stated, the main purpose for this would be to create parking so that the customer does not have to park on the street. To make the area safer.

The vote for passage on the first reading follows:

Aye: 6
Nay: 2

The vote was 6-2 for passage on the first reading.

Resolution #2751 Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to Transfer funds.

Resolution #2751 was read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Miklik moved for passage on the resolution #2751; seconded by Councilwoman Sanders. Councilman Miklik states. This is the moving of money within the general fund. Councilman Miklik moves for adoption of Resolution #2751 seconded by Councilman Grecu.

The vote for passage follows:

Aye: All
Nay: None

The vote is 8-0 for passage.