

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA

APRIL 9, 2008

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session on the above date. All members were present except Romine and Jagers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Cooper.

PUBLIC HEARING: There was a public hearing held at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing a request for a vacation of an alley behind the home of Dan and Janet Smith at 497 W. Jefferson St. There was no one from the public to speak for or against the vacation. There was then a motion by Bonham seconded by Martz to approve the vacation of the alley and extend 5th St. with the condition that the proper documents be submitted to the town creating right of way documents and agreement that the extension of 5th St. would be maintained by the Smith's. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one. The Public Hearing was then closed.

MINUTES: Motion by Martz seconded by Bonham to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2008 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT NEEDS: Jessica Wittlebols, a member of the business club at Taylor University wants to organize a mini community assessment needs session using their business skills learned and apply them to the community. They would identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities and threats to the community. They want to bring as many community groups together for an evening to meet and discuss community needs. The tentative date is set for Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ayres Bldg., Room 215 on Taylor Campus.

EIWIFI CONTRACT: Gregg and Randy Ballinger were at the meeting to discuss with the council the renewal of their EIWIFI contract with the town. They would like to go from a three to five year contract. Things are going well with their high speed internet. They currently have about 400 customers. The Council will review the contract and has no problem with renewing.

EIGHTH STREET PROJECT: Joel Holloway and Frank McCutcheon were at the meeting with proposed plans for a 80-20 match grant with INDOT to improve 8th St. The application is due in May of 08. The project would be completed in three stages with each stage costing the town around \$700,000. The three Council members present wanted a chance to speak with Jagers and Romine before any decision.

SRF MONIES: Motion by Bonham seconded by Martz to use the remaining SRF monies for three additional projects. We would do a water loop at Kershner Commons, a water loop on Hope Drive and pave all the streets that were torn up with water projects. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one.

STORMWATER PROJECTS: Motion by Bonham seconded by Martz to approve doing two stormwater projects using STAG money. Those being Bragg Avenue and the extension of Reade east. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one.

SALARY ORDINANCE: Motion by Martz seconded by Bonham to approve Salary Ordinance NO-3-2008 establishing a \$1.00 an hour raise for Assistant Town Marshal Melvin Gerstorff for completing 20 years of service. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one.

THANK YOU: It was reported that Officer Kenny Duncan asked and received \$1600.00 from Round Robin. Thanks to Kenny for pursuing this money.

GRANT CO. ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL: There is a Growth Council dinner on Wednesday, April 30th. Anyone interested from the Council is welcome to attend.

FIREMEN DINNER: The Firemen's appreciation dinner is Saturday, May 10th at the Fire Station.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall. There will be an Administrative meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ SIGNED: _____
JANE E. ROCKWELL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
CLERK-TREASURER