

# TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA

## August 13, 2008

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session on the above date. All members were present. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Martz to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2008 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

**Area Plan Commission:** Debbie Wallace from the Area Plan Commission was present at the meeting to discuss with the Council an Ordinance to amend the Grant County Areawide Zoning Board. The Board will now consist of 7 members. 2 members will be members who currently sit on the Area Plan, 2 members will be appointed by the Grant County Council and 3 members will be appointed by the Upland Council President because according to the latest census based on population, Upland is the largest municipality belonging to the Area Plan. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Martz to approve Ordinance No.-6-2008 an ordinance to amend the Grant County Area Wide Zoning Ordinance as presented to the Council. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

**Appointments to Board of Zoning Appeals:** Motion by Bonham second by Romine to appoint William Johnson and Bruce Long as two of the three representatives appointed by Upland. The third person will be appointed at the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

**Upland Volunteer Fire Dept.:** Mike Howard made a rate increase for firemen presentation to the Council. Currently the firemen receive \$6.00 per run and \$2.00 per meeting. Their proposal is \$10.00 per run and \$4.00 per meeting phased in over a three year period beginning in 2009. The consensus of the Council is that they understand what the firemen are expressing and are inclined to try to respond to their request. They will take under advisement but want the fire department to know they want to be supportive. The Council appreciates all the department does for the town.

**Parking Ordinance:** There was a motion by Romine seconded by Bonham to create an ordinance for No Parking on east Second Street from Berry to Jefferson. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one. Note: This is due to new curbs being installed along the street.

**Meeting Day:** Because of Bonham's job, he is out of town a lot on Wednesday. He asked the Council if they had ever considered changing the meeting to a Monday or Tuesday evening.

**Property Tax Reform:** Romine reported that he had attended an information meeting on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building hosted by Senator Travis Holdman. It was a question and answer meeting that was very informative.

**Rate Increase Ordinances:** There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Jagers to proceed with Public Hearing for water and sewer rate ordinances. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

**Vacation of Howard Drive:** Long reported that an ordinance had been passed in 1998 to vacate Howard Drive on the north side of Bragg Avenue. The town is planning on doing some work there and would need to request from the property owners a utility easement. Property owners will need to be contacted for permission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANE E. ROCKWELL, C.T. COUNCIL PRESIDENT