

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA

December 10, 2008

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session. Bonham and Jagers were absent from the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Cooper. There was a motion by Martz seconded by Romine to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2008 meeting. Those voting aye: Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

BEAUTY SALON IN HOME: Karla Shanks was at the meeting to ask for a favorable recommendation to have a beauty salon in her home. She has purchased the home at 81 Urban Street. She would like to move her business from Main St. into her home. She has been to the Area Plan Commission and needs approval from the town to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals on January 7, 2009. Long explained that the zoning would not change. She would be issued a permit to operate a business within her home. If she would move from the home, the permit would no longer be valid. There was then a motion by Romine seconded by Martz to give a favorable recommendation to the BZA for Karla Shanks to have a salon in her home. Those voting aye: Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX: Kevin Crawford spoke to the Council about implementing a Local Option Income Tax. He is not in favor of additional taxes, but does understand the need for additional funding. He suggested to the Council that they keep our local state representatives closely involved in our conversations. They need to know what it takes for local governments to operate. Cooper said that the County has already passed the ordinance for the tax. The Grant County Council passed the .40 percent LOIT and now it's up to the other communities to have public hearings and approve it before December 31, 2008 for it to take effect in 2009. There was a motion by Romine seconded by Martz to advertise a Public Hearing concerning an ordinance establishing a LOIT that is before the members of the county income tax council. The Public Hearing will be Monday, December 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall. Those voting aye: Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

ZONING CHANGE: Scott Gross (605 W. Jefferson St.) approached the Council about changing the zoning from Residential Suburban to Agriculture on five and a half acres of ground north of the wastewater plant on East Berry St. for the purpose of constructing a pole barn to operate a woodworking shop. Cooper expressed that the Council has not been in favor of spot zoning in the past. He would like to have input from the two council members that were absent from the meeting before a decision is made. The issue was tabled until the December 29th meeting. Chip Long will check with Area Plan Commission to see if he would fall under the same guidelines as the beauty salon and not have to change the zoning.

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION FOR UTILITIES: There was a motion by Romine seconded by Martz to approve an Identity Theft Prevention Program for Upland utilities. This plan is intended to identify red flags that will alert our employees when new or existing accounts are opened using false information, protect against the establishment of false accounts, methods to ensure existing accounts were not opened using false information, and measures to respond to such events. Those voting aye: Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2008 Motion by Romine seconded by Martz to approve Ordinance No. 13-2008, and Ordinance establishing regulations for the development and production of wind-generated electricity within the jurisdiction of the Grant County Area Plan Commission. Those voting aye: Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one. Note: A complete copy of this ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 29th in the Upland Town Hall. There will be a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow.

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