

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA

December 29, 2008

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the proposed Local Option Income Tax. The public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Cooper. Cooper spoke to the public on behalf of the Council. He first complimented Tim Enyeart, (Grant County Council) for all his hard work in getting the LOIT tax on the table. He expressed that no one wants to pay taxes, but everyone does want the services. Some areas were hit harder than others by property taxes. The Local Option Income Tax would allow us to offset the revenue we lose from property taxes. Ideally it would be dollar for dollar. The Grant County Council took the initiative as to how much if any should be assessed. They decided on .25% LOIT and .15% for Public Safety a total of .40%. That would be about \$4.00 for every \$1,000.00 of your adjusted gross income. If this percentage does not work, the amount may be rescinded. Of nine surrounding counties to Grant, three of those counties have already adopted the LOIT. With no one speaking on the matter, the public hearing was then closed.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Michael Cooper. All members were in attendance. There was a motion by Romine seconded by Martz to approve the minutes from the December 10th, 2008 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2008: There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Jagers to approve Ordinance No. 14-2008 enacting a County Option Income Tax. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2008: There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Jagers to approve Ordinance No. 15-2008 permitting the county to impose an additional income tax rate to provide funding for public safety in the county. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

DICKMEYER AND ASSOCIATES: Kerry Dickmeyer was at the meeting to discuss with the Council modifications to Kershner Commons. He would like approval to change from 47 lots to 49 lots. There would be a slight configuration change at the corner of the subdivision adding an additional 1.2 acres. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Romine to approve the plat change adding two additional lots. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Martz. Abstain: Romine.

OUR TOWN UPLAND: Several members from Our Town Upland, Inc. were at the meeting. The Council congratulated them on obtaining the status of a Main Street Community. This now allows the group to apply for grants. The group would like the Council to consider adopting an ordinance for historic preservation. This would give the Council a means to promote the cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of structures and areas of historic and cultural interest within the town. The town took the ordinance under advisement and will have Jim McKown review the ordinance and bring a recommendation back to the Council.

SCOTT GROSS: Mr. Gross attended the meeting because the decision on his zoning change was tabled until this meeting. He is wanting to change the zoning from Residential Suburban to Agriculture on five and a half acres of ground north of the wastewater plant on East Berry St. so that he may construct a pole barn to operate a woodworking shop. The Council expressed that the easy fix would be for him to construct his home first. Another option would be to put a deed

restriction option statement on the deed so that it can only be used for this business. The Council is not in favor of spot zoning. Mr. Gross will speak to the owners of the property about a deed restriction.

RESOLUTION: There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Martz to approve two resolutions of transfers of funds in the General and MVH Fund Accounts. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall. There will be an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing reorganization of the Council.

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