

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA

APRIL 13, 2011

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session on the above date. All members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Cooper. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Romine to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2011 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION: Steve Niblick, Director of the Area Plan Commission was at the meeting to discuss with the Council the rezoning of two parcels of land being lots #11 & 12, Shaffer's 1st addition commonly known as 354 W. Indiana Ave. Helen Elliott is planning on purchasing the property and using it for a home for young women who have been in the system. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Jagers to approve Ordinance No. 6-2011 changing the zoning from R3 to R5. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one. There was also a motion by Bonham seconded by Martz to make a favorable recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals with the exception of 61 items that shall be prohibited uses of occupying the property. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one. Note: The Council would like to commend Mrs. Elliott on her commitment to this project.

VACATION REQUESTS: Taylor University would like the town to consider vacating two alleys. One is behind the Administration Building and one is behind the Swallow Robin dormitory. It was determined that there are utilities in the alleys so the town would need to maintain an easement. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Martz to make a favorable recommendation to Taylor University to proceed with the vacation of the two alleys. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

CLOSING OF SECOND STREET: A request was made by Taylor University to close Second Street between Reade and Wright. They feel that public safety is a critical issue. The Council agrees but do not think that closing Second Street is best for the community and Taylor. Several observations were made by Council members. Second Street is one of three thoroughfares that goes all the way through town. It leads to the elementary school and nursing home. Closing the street would be a hindrance to traffic flow. It was suggested that there may be a way of treating surfaces, stop signs and speed bumps to achieve the safety they are looking for. The Council wants to be sensitive and address the problem without having to seal off the street. The Consensus of the Council is not to close Second Street but to join in with Taylor University to find other alternatives. Taylor representatives thanked the Council for consideration of their request and they look forward to continue working on addressing the safety issues. Mr. Cooper also complimented the Council on their research.

COUNTRY MEADOWS: There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Martz to make a favorable recommendation to Area Plan Commission for the Country Meadows subdivision subject to compliance of ordinance control requirements to locate easement and subject to final approval from the Drainage Board. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

FIRE WHISTLE: Larry Stump attended the meeting to address the Council about the fire whistle being back in play. It blows at 12 noon 10 pm and when there is a fire. He said there are people that work different shifts and makes it hard to sleep. All firemen have pagers and the

whistle is an antiquated device. He would ask the Council to use the siren for storm warnings only. Martz will get with Chief Holtzleiter to discuss the matter.

WATER STANDING: Stump commented that water is still standing on the corner of Washington and First Street. The street and trees are starting to erode. Now that we are collecting storm water fees could we look into getting it fixed. Long expressed that this is an area we are looking at to fix.

UNSAFE BUILDING ORDINANCE: Mr. Forcum reported that our Unsafe Building Ordinance would allow us to take the trees down on the property on Anson Street. There was a motion by Martz seconded by Jagers to notify property owner they have 30 days to cut down the trees. There will be a hearing on May 25th where the town may cut down the trees if not done by the property owner and the expense will be put on their property taxes. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Cooper, Romine, Martz. Nays: No one.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DINNER: Council commended the Fire Department for the fire dinner. It was a nice occasion with a great program.

POGUE POETRY DAY: Reminder that the Pogue Poetry Day will be Saturday, April 16th.

ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL DINNER: Cooper reported that he and Chip Long had attended the dinner on April 8th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 27th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall.

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