

## **TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, JULY 13, 2011**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A Public Hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of vacating two alley ways. Those being the alley which runs east and west between Wright Avenue and Reade Avenue and the alley which runs north and south between First Street and Second Street. Both alley ways are being petitioned to be closed by Taylor University. This will allow for additional parking and circulate traffic better for Taylor University. There was no one from the public to speak for or against the vacations. The Council did ask that a letter be prepared that the utility easements would be recognized and stay in place. Attorney Jerry Holderead will prepare the letter and deliver to the Town Hall to be on file. There was then a motion by Bonham seconded by Martz to approve Ordinance No. 6-2011 vacating two alley ways as described above. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one. The Public Hearing was closed.

**REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Upland Town Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Michael Cooper. Jaggers was absent from the meeting. There was a motion by Martz seconded by Bonham to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2011 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one.

**REQUEST FOR VARIANCE:** Gary Miller, 8179 E 700 S was at the meeting to request a favorable recommendation from the Council to build a garage 6ft from his property line instead of the required 25'. There was a motion by Martz seconded by Bonham to give a favorable recommendation for the variance. Those voting aye: Bonham, Martz, Cooper. Nays: No one. The Area Plan Commission will then review and Mr. Miller will then come back to the town for final approval.

**GARFIELD:** Long reported that the contractor that is building the concrete slab for Garfield is planning to start the first of the week. He is to be placed at Ivanhoe's.

**PAVING:** Long is waiting on quotes for paving.

**PAINTING OF WATER TOWER:** The inside of the tower is about 90% complete and the outside is about 45% complete. The contractors are slightly behind schedule but things are going well.

**STREET PATCHING:** Council thanked and complimented the town employees for the work done on the patching of the streets.

**OUTSIDE RESTROOMS AT PARK:** It was reported that vandalism had occurred at the restrooms. Town employees have locked the restrooms at this time. The Council is considering installing security cameras at the park.

**LIGHTS AT BASKETBALL COURTS:** Long has inquired with Indiana Michigan about putting the lights on a timer. It can be done, but the timer would shut off everything unless the town would install a separate circuit at our expense.

**RADIO READ METERS:** Motion by Bonham seconded by Martz to start replacing 100 meters a year to radio reads following the same schedule we did in 2001. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one.

**POLICE RADIOS:** Motion by Martz seconded by Bonham to upgrade 5 1SL portable police radios to 5 1ES at a cost of \$2900.00. Those voting aye: Bonham, Cooper, Martz. Nays: No one.

**UNMOWED PROPERTY:** The town would like to get some properties mowed that are in violation of our weed ordinance. The town can mow the properties and then certify the cost to the County Auditor to be placed on their taxes.

**ZONING JURISDICTION:** The question was raised if the town could have jurisdiction without exceeding our town limits. Mr. Forcum researched the matter and told that Council that yes it could be done, but the town would have to have its own Planning Commission.

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

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