

## TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, JULY 25, 2012

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 Vice-President Charles Jagers. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Ross to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2012 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

**4K RUN FOR CANCER:** Kamron McGriff, Karly McGriff, Kaylene and Callie Cox were present at the meeting to seek permission to hold a 4k run for cancer in memory of Tim Rice to be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It was the consensus of the Council to give their permission and appreciated the fact that the kids were willing to do this for their grandpa and friend. The Council asked to be updated as the run progresses.

**BURN BAN:** Fire Chief, Brian Holtzlieter reported that the county was still under a burn ban.

**LOIT DECISION:** Bonham discussed with the Council the Local Option Income Tax. He expressed that the tax was originally established to make up the revenue because of the cap. The county is now in the black. Seldom is revenue given back after a tax is imposed. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Schwartz to support the recommendation of the Gr. Co. Council to decrease the LOIT from .01% to .009%. Those voting aye: Bonham, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: Carmin

**PARK BOARD:** Schwartz suggested that the Council may wish to change the Ordinance for the Park Board and have a Seven member board instead of four since it has been a challenge to have a meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

**STORM DAMAGE:** Long reported that the salt and sand bin had been damaged during the storm on June 29<sup>th</sup>. He is requesting bids to repair.

**LAKEVIEW ADDITION PROJECT:** All materials have been received for the project at Lakeview. Street cuts have been made.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CAR SHOW:** Ross reported that the car show had been a success for the fire department again this year. He expressed concern about the appearance of the park. We need to take action to make sure our parks are in top notch condition for hosting events. The town, park board, ball board and fire department all need to get together and have a plan.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS:** Motion by Ross seconded by Bonham to have Mick Carmin take over the Fire Department for the rest of 2012 and to assist Jagers with the police for the remainder of 2012. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

**TREES AND SIDEWALKS:** Mr. Forcum suggested the Council may want to consider an Ordinance specifying that trees and sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owners.

**WATER SHORTAGE ORDINANCE:** Mr. Forcum referred the Council to a web-site [www.in.gov/dnr/water/files/watshplan.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/water/files/watshplan.pdf) and to check with our engineers Triad Associates whether the town would be facing a potential problem with water shortage. If need be Mr. Forcum will draft a water shortage ordinance.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER:** Carmin requested that the register be sent prior to the meeting so that Council may have an opportunity to review.

**PARKING TICKETS:** Carmin reported that several parking tickets have never been paid. He wanted to know what recourse does the town have to collect unpaid tickets. Parker responded that 90% of the tickets are Taylor students. He said that Taylor used to work with the town on the collection of the tickets but that has gone by the wayside. Mr. Forcum could represent the town in collection but that would cost more than the \$5.00 ticket. It was suggested that maybe the fine be increased.

**ABANDONED VEHICLES:** Carmin brought up the issue of abandoned vehicles and is there a way they can be removed from properties. Mr. Forcum said a number of vehicles on one property might constitute a nuisance but not much can be done about an unlicensed vehicle on private property.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING:** Jagers reported that the Council had met in Administrative meeting prior to the regular meeting and it was discussed how the Council can do better. They do not want to be a status quo council but reach out and be responsive. The last ten years the council has worked very hard on town issues. There is energy and enthusiasm to make things better not only by the council but by volunteer groups. Key groups have come and shared thoughts and ideas with the council. The council appreciates this input. We want to expand our dialogue, listen, support and come along side of these volunteers and move forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall.

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