

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, AUGUST 22, 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 President Charles Jagers. A correction to the August 8, 2012 meeting minutes was noted that Carmin had asked and has received reports from the Police Dept. There was then a motion by Schwartz seconded by Bonham to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2012 meeting with the correction. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

COMMUNITY GUEST REPORT: Nancy Gore, representing the Upland Labor Day activities gave a report to the Council on events that will be going on over the week-end.

NEW EMPLOYEE: Chip Long asked the Council to consider a time to review applications and set up a time for interviews for new utility employee.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY PLUNGE DAY: Plunge day will be Thursday, August 30th.

ROAD CLOSURE: Marshal Parker announced the closing of State Road 22 from Jefferson St. north to East Washington and west on Washington St. to the Lions Club grounds on both sides of the street from 9am to 12noon for the parade.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: Trick or Treat hours in Upland will be Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 5pm to 8pm.

COLLECTION OF PARKING TICKETS: Jagers reported that Taylor University is willing to work with the town in the collection of parking tickets. Police Department asked to find out from Taylor Security what their fine is for a parking violation. The Town will consider changing our ordinance so that the fines would be the same.

HUMANE SOCIETY: There is no contract with the Humane Society. They charge \$75.00 per call during regular business hours. There is no pick up after hours unless of an emergency.

GAS CITY COURT: Marshal Parker reported that Gas City Court will hear our ordinance violations. The cost of the violation would come back to the town with the court cost going to Gas City.

NORTHEAST SIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: A meeting with Schwartz, Bonham, Long and Savka was held to discuss projects in the town. Lou Savka, Triad Associates discussed with the Council work that needs to be done on the northeast side of town with the sewage. Separation of sanitary and storm was done in 1984-85. There is still an area in the northeast quadrant that was not replaced that indicates inflow/problems. There are three phases to these projects. It is the recommendation of the committee to proceed with Phase I and Phase II. There was a motion by Bonham

seconded by Schwartz to move forward with Phase I (\$139,818.00) and Phase II (\$7,000.00) and proceed with procuring a line of credit loan with a local bank to help with the financing of the project. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

RESOLUTION: Motion by Bonham seconded by Ross to approve a Resolution amending the sick leave policy to provide an equitable and manageable policy concerning maternity/paternity leave. An employee will receive three days off with pay for the birth or adoption of his/her child. Additional time can be taken off based on the provisions of sick leave and vacation. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT: Ross announced that Our Town Upland has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$9300.20 from the Community Foundation to finish upgrades at the Community Building. Thanks to all those involved for their hard work and involvement in this project as well as others around town.

COMMUNITY DOG PARK: Ross reported that he and Chip Long had visited the dog park in Sweetser on Monday. They spoke with Terry Renbarger about several issues with the park such as fund raising and maintenance. Ross has also met with Heath and Ashley Slain about possible locations and fund raising. It was the consensus of the Council to have Ross continue to do research on the park and maybe to form a small group of interested parties to help develop and maintain the park in the future.

WALKING PATH BETWEEN DEPOT PARK AND COMMUNITY PARK: Carmin reported that the walking path does not belong to the town. There was a ten year agreement with two property owners and the park board that expired in 2010. The contract was not renewed because of issues with repairs to the property owners building. There are downspouts that need repaired and graffiti on the back side of the building. It was the consensus of the Council to make the necessary repairs, contact the inmate work crew and have them clean out the brush from the salt bins to the second street bridge. Once it has been repaired and cleaned up a fence installed to block off the path for now.

REPAIRS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING: Carmin expressed that are several repairs that need to be made to the police department building. He will meet with Long Thursday at 3 pm to go over what needs to be done. A contractor will then be contacted to get an estimate for the cost of the repairs.

UPLAND GREENWAY: Schwartz reported that a banner will be placed on the trail head land across from the Upland Tire Center starting Labor Day week-end. The property is to be deeded to the Town sometime in September.

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING: There will be an Elected Official meeting in Converse on August 29th at 6:30 p.m. Jagers will be attending this meeting. If anyone else wants to go please let Jagers know.

SOLICITORS ORDINANCE: Mr. Forcum gave Council members a copy of the state statute for solicitors that is currently being used by Grant County. He will also e-mail members a copy of a proposed ordinance that is tailored to Upland for review.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY: Jagers reported that Taylor University is stepping up and reaching out with their offer to tree line Main Street. They have augmented the offer by finding a donor to provide the trees and pay for the planting. The Town needs to secure an architect to come up with a plan for the planting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. A Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 on the proposed 2013 budget. There will be an executive session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

ATTEST: Jane E. Rockwell SIGNED: _____
JANE E. ROCKWELL, C.T. COUNCIL PRESIDENT