

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 28, 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. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Schwartz to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2012 meeting. Those voting aye: Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

PARKING TICKET: Marion Webb 419 W. Jefferson St. was at the meeting to discuss a parking ticket she had received on November 13th. She had a guest at her home that was parked in the drive-way when she came home so she parked on the street in front of her house. Later she came out to move the car and had received a ticket. They have lived here for about a year and a half and have not seen anything published on the No Parking on street with no curves. At the time the ordinance was passed, it would have been published. Although she was unaware of the law, it does not excuse her from being given the ticket. The Council did thank her for coming to the meeting and expressing her concerns and felt that it would be a good idea to remind people of important ordinances on parking.

BID OPENING: Long reported that there will be a bid opening on December 6th at 3:00 p.m. on the sanitary sewer project.

BRAGG AVENUE PROJECT: The question was raised as to when the Bragg Avenue project would be completed. Long responded that he has not been able to get a hold of the contractor. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Carmin that if the project cannot be completed by December 14th we will hire another contractor to do the job. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Parker reported he and some of the officers had attended a meeting on the computers and the programming for the new JT Cushion program. The IT person recommended the department purchase a new desk top computer that would be compatible to the programs. It was the consensus of the Council to authorize Police Department to purchase a new computer in the amount of \$980.05,

NO PARKING ORDINANCE: There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Ross to adopt Ordinance No.2012-13 changing the No Parking penalty from \$5.00 to \$20.00 payable within 10 days at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one. There was then a motion by Bonham Seconded by Ross to suspend the rules to pass on the second reading. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one. There was then a motion by Bonham seconded by Ross to pass Ordinance No. 2012-13 with the changes stated in the first reading. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

PARKING TICKETS: An amendment was passed last month to the parking ordinance increasing the fine from \$5.00 to \$20.00 for parking violations posted No Parking.

Tickets have been issued with a charge of \$20.00 unaware that another section of the Ordinance had not been changed. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Schwartz to refund \$15.00 to those who have been ticketed under the No Parking on uncurved streets. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one. An amendment to the ordinance will be done at the next meeting.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Clerk presented renewal figures for 2013 Health Insurance. The renewal rate is 37% which would be an increase of about \$30,000.00. Another option was discussed that would increase the deductible and out of pocket expense with a 18% increase or about \$14,000.00 per year. It was decided to allow the employees to look over the plans and meet with the representative on December 12th at 6:00 p.m. for discussion and questions. A decision should then be made at the December 12th meeting.

REGULATION ON STUDENT HOUSING: Carmin asked if there was any regulation on off-campus student housing concerning parking spaces and number of bathrooms. The town is under the Area Plan Commission and there is an ordinance in place. Bonham will get a copy of the ordinance for each Council member to review.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Schwartz expressed appreciation to the town employees for the time put into decorating.

TREE LIGHTING: Ross reminded everyone the tree lighting is at 5:00 p.m. at the Depot Park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. There will be an executive session at 5:00 p.m. and will reconvene to Executive session after the meeting.

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