

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, FEBRUARY 6, 2013

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session on the above date. Bonham and Ross were absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Jagers. There was a motion by Carmin seconded by Schwartz to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2013 meeting. Those voting aye: Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Nays: No one.

SECOND STREET BRIDGE: David White with the Grant Co. Highway Dept. was at the meeting on behalf of the County Commissioners. Bids were opened for the Second Street Bridge Project on January 29th. Bids ranged from \$199,000 to \$265,000. The Commissioners were hoping that bids would come in somewhere around \$160,000. The Commissioners are wanting to know if the town is willing to help with the cost of the bridge and how much that we might be able to contribute. After completion, the bridge would be turned over to the town for upkeep and maintenance. The town will take under review and see how much funds they can contribute and then report back to the Commissioners. The spirit of the town is they want to help in order for the project to be completed.

ECI DEVELOPMENT: Motion by Schwartz seconded Carmin to reappoint Chip Long to the Economic Development Committee as the town representative. Those voting aye: Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz. Nays: No one.

SANITARY PROJECT: Long reported that Atlas, Inc. have moved their equipment into town and getting ready to start the sanitary project which is manhole rehab and the insertion of a new manhole.

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Parker reported that Officer Chambers had been hurt while on duty and is currently off work. No details were available at this time as to how long he may be off.

CONTRIBUTION: There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Carmin to give each full time employee \$500.00 to be deposited into their HSA or Retirement Fund. Those voting aye: Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz. Nays: No one.

SELF STUDY UPDATE: Jagers reported that they have met with each of the three Department heads and they have been given some feelings of things that need improving. Each meeting was a positive meeting. Things that surfaced more in the employee interviews were how can we improve communications, park improvement and public safety.

PARKING VIOLATIONS: Motion by Carmin seconded by Schwartz to make all parking ticket violations a fine of \$20.00. Those voting aye: Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz. Nays: No one.

ACOUSTICS IN MEETING ROOM: Carmin had commented at an earlier meeting how bad the acoustics were in the meeting room. Chip Long will look into a microphone system for the front room.

CLEANING OF DRAINS: It was the consensus of the Council to have Chip Long clean and haul away debris from drains. There has been a lot of snow, thawing and rain causing a lot of flooding and drains need to be cleaned on a consistent basis.

PARK BOARD MEETING: Schwartz reported that they had tried to have a Park Board Meeting this morning, but there were not enough for a quorum. That reaffirms the idea of adding more people to the Board to make it easier to have a quorum.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Administrative meeting at 6:00 p.m..

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