

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, MARCH 6, 2013

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 Ross seconded by Schwartz to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2013 meeting., Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Ross, Schwartz, Nays: No one.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Brian Holtzleiter reported that the new fire truck had arrived this afternoon. He invited the Council and anyone interested to come to the station to see the new truck. Council thanked Mr. Holtzleiter for all his hard work he does for the department.

SOUND SYSTEM: Chip Long presented the Council with three quotes for a sound system for the Council chambers. The quotes were taken under advisement.

SECOND STREET BRIDGE: David White with the Grant Co. Highway Dept. was at the last meeting to discuss with the Council bids on the Second Street Bridge. Quotes came in higher than expected and the County was asking if the Town could help with any of the cost to repair the bridge. Clerk Jane Rockwell reported that the town could contribute up to \$25,000.00 to help with the project. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Schwartz to tell the Gr. Co. Commissioners that the town would commit to \$25,000.00 and when the bridge is complete the town will take over ownership of the bridge. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

DRAINS: Carmin asked that Chip Long and the Utility Workers check the drains all over town on a regular basis and make sure they are cleaned and not clogged.

VACATION CARRY-OVER: Parker requested the Council carry-over unused vacation hours for Gerstorff (19 hours) and Kellogg (12 hours) . There was a motion by Ross seconded by Carmin to approve Gerstorff and Kellogg to carry-over unused vacation hours. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES: Council members commented that Marshal Parker has been covering parking and traffic issues around the Elementary School. They thanked him for his work at the school and also for his focus on safety at the parks.

AED HEART START EQUIPMENT: Carmin, Fire Chief Holtzleiter and EMT Chief Theurer demonstrated the use of AED Hear Start equipment. It was suggested that the town may want to purchase units for use by the police department. Holtzeiter will look into some possible funding for 3 units. One for Town Hall and two for the police department.

OLD FIRE STATION: Carmin asked about further action on the old fire station building on East Washington St. Long said he had a quote to tear down the building of

\$6000 and a quote of \$30,000 to renovate. Additional quotes will be requested from contractors.

CHILI-COOK OFF: Schwartz thanked the fire department for chili supper on February 24th.

EXTENSION OF JEFFERSON ST. Schwartz asked the Council to consider finishing and opening the one-block section of Jefferson St. that is not improved between Fifth and Sixth St. The Council will consider the project for safety issues.

PARK UPDATE: Ross reported that he had met with Chip Long and Derik Dollar about improvements to the park. There has been another Dog Park meeting and funds are starting to come in for the project.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: Bonham asked the Council if they would consider changing the Council meetings to Monday or Tuesday night. The Council will take under advisement.

TRAFFIC CODE ORDINANCES: Town Attorney, Jim Forcum presented council members with a proposed comprehensive traffic code ordinance. The police will look over and update information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel. Note: The second meeting in March will be Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. because of Spring Break.

ATTEST:  SIGNED: _____
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT