

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, MARCH 13, 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 Bonham seconded by Schwartz to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2013 meeting with two corrections. One being the date of the meeting was February 27th not March 6th and the minutes were approved for February 26th and should be February 6th. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Ross, Schwartz, Nays: No one.

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT: Trent Daily with Insurance Management made a presentation to the Council on increasing life insurance for town employees and firemen. The quotes were taken under advisement and will be discussed later at an administrative meeting.

DONATION OF 1979 FIRE TRUCK: Brian Holtzleiter, Upland Fire Chief, Bob Jackson, Gr. Co. Mutual Aid Association and Mark Keck, District 6 Training Council presented a certification of appreciation to the Upland Town Council for their commitment to fire fighter training by donating the 1979 Fire Truck to be used for training. They thanked the Council and said the truck would be a great value for a training tool.

DOCUMENT: Charles Jagers and Bob Jackson signed a document stating that at a Council meeting on January 9, 2013 the Town Council voted to donate the 1979 Ford F8000 Pierce Pumper to the Walnut Creek District 6 Training Center in Grant County. He training center accepts all responsibility and liability for the truck.

PICTURE: A framed side by side picture of the 1979 Fire Truck and the 2013 new fire truck was presented to the Council. Council was invited to the fire station after the meeting to see the truck and take pictures.

SECOND STREET BRIDGE: Chip Long reported that the bid for the Second St. Bridge had been accepted by the Gr. Co. Commissioners. The bid was awarded to Hoosier Pride Construction for \$199,389.64. As soon as the proper paperwork is signed construction will begin. On behalf of the Commissioners, Commissioner Lawson thanked the town for their contribution toward the project.

WILLIAM CHAMBERS: Marshal Parker reported that Officer Chambers is still on worker's compensation leave. He is scheduled to return to the Doctor the first of April.

COPY MACHINES: Clerk Jane Rockwell spoke to the Council about a proposal from Ricoh to update the copy machines at the Town Hall and Police Department. There was a motion by Ross seconded by Bonham to approve a lease agreement with Ricoh for two copy machines as presented by the Clerk. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

MEETING SCHEDULE: There has been discussion about moving the council meetings to either a Monday or Tuesday night. Clerk expressed that she has an obligation to another meeting on Mondays and Carmin is busy on the fourth Monday of the month. Mr. Forcum was absent from the meeting, but Bonham will check with him to see if Tuesday's would be available for him. No decision to change meeting dates was made at this time. The next regular meeting of the Council will be Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 with an executive session at 6:00 p.m. This change is being made because of spring break the last week of the month of March.

CARDINAL GREENWAY UPDATE: Ross reported that Dawn Kroh has been working with us as a Consultant for the Cardinal Greenway had been in town on Monday and met with Joe Pearson, Geoff Schwartz, Chip Long and himself. He expressed that it was a productive meeting and there will be another meeting on March 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Upland Community Building. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

AED MACHINE CONTRIBUTION: A \$1200.00 contribution was given to the town to help with the expense of purchasing AED machines. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Ross to acknowledge and thank the anonymous donor for their generous contribution. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

SOUND SYSTEM: At this time, there is not available funds to purchase a sound system for the council room. It was suggested that the town purchase a podium and place close to the Council. Anyone that wishes to address the Council would step up to the podium and speak to the Council. The Council will try this for now with the desire to move forward with a sound system as funds become available.

PLANNING GRANT: Jagers reported that he has made a lot of contacts concerning the Planning Grant. We need to choose an architect and describe to the firm what we want them to do. The best way to do this would be to have architects fill out a form for request for qualifications. The firms would interview with the Council and an architect would be chosen using that process. Our main focus would be Gateways into town, Second Street, Main Street, Town beautification, Historic downtown, Parks and trails. Funds need to be secured so that we can move forward.

OLD FIRE STATION: The issue of the old fire station was discussed again. We have a quote for demolition and a quote for renovation. Long was asked to secure a quote for a slab and extension to the existing street barn using comparable size of the old fire station building.

SALARY ORDINANCE: There was a motion by Carmin seconded by Schwartz to approve Salary Ordinance No. 2-2013 approving a salary increase for Officer Kellogg giving him a thirty cent on the hour raise for completing six years of service. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

PARK BENCHES: Schwartz reported there are benches at the Depot Park that need to be repaired. It was suggested that a bar be placed in the middle of the bench to deter skateboarders.

PARKING TICKETS: Ross has received a call from a resident that received a parking ticket. The resident does not feel that he should have to pay for the ticket because the street has not been marked with No Parking signs. The ordinance concerning parking has been posted in the Seg-Way and is on file in the Clerk's office. It was the consensus of the Council that the ordinances take precedence over no signs.

DOG PARK: Ross reported there had been a Dog Park meeting prior to the Council meeting. It was a productive meeting with a lot of good ideas. They will be working on pursuing more fund raising.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel. Note: The change in meeting time is due to Spring Break.

ATTEST: June E. Rockwell SIGNED: _____
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT