

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, APRIL 24, 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 Carmin to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2013 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Ross, Schwartz. Nays: No one.

ADA COMPLIANCE: Jocques Plothow with Randy Miller Associates came to the meeting to answer any questions that the Council might have about the new requirements for ADA. Mr. Forcum has done some research and there is some work that the town needs to do to become compliant. He does not really have a good grip on what all needs to be done. He would like a little more time to look at it and try to have something ready for the next meeting.

WET WELLS: Chip Long reported that he is still waiting on additional quotes for the work at the Wastewater Plant on the wet wells.

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Parker reported that the door and ramp entrance to the police department is not wide enough to meet ADA requirements. Mr. Forcum advised that before we move forward with making it ADA accessible that we have all the facts on how it is to be completed to meet the requirements.

REDISTRICIT OF WARDS: Consensus of the Council to have Bonham and Long work on map for redistricting of Council Wards and report back to the Council at the May 21st meeting.

INSURANCE SECOND ST. BRIDGE: Clerk has been in contact with insurance company about taking over the Second St. Bridge and what it would do to our insurance. Trent Daily said to let him know when the construction was complete and the town has taken over ownership. He did not think that the premium would change too much.

WILDMAN LINEN AND UNIFORM: Mr. Forcum reported that he had not received a copy of the contract from Wildman and could not make a determination on ramifications of cancelling the contract with Cintas.

UPLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH: Bonham reported that he had been in contact with Clyde Ewbank from the Community Church concerning set backs on the church property where they are planning to expand. Their deed gives no explanation as to why but states the set back is 25'. After some discussion, Mr. Forcum advised that this is a private matter between the church and their attorney. The town cannot grant a variance and change what the deed says.

SUMMIT ST. Carmin talked about the unimproved street being Summit. It is currently used as a drive-way and he wondered if there would be any validity in vacating the street.

The Council responded that if the property owner has an interest in vacation of the street they need to approach the Council. It was noted that the property owner had been to a meeting before and had asked for the town to make improvements to the street. The town did not feel obliged to make improvements because the street is used only as a private drive.

HEART DEFIBRILLATORS: Officer Duncan reported that he had attended a meeting on purchasing defibrillators. There are several agencies in the county that are interested in purchasing these units. The more that are purchased the cheaper the price would be. The cost at this time is \$1419.00 per unit. The Council wishes to purchase three units at this time.

CARDINAL GREENWAY: Schwartz reported they are making progress with the Greenway Consultant and formulating plans to move forward. There will be another meeting on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building.


PARK BOARD MEETING: There will be a Park Board meeting on Friday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the Avis Building.

DOG PARK: Ross reported that Diane Wellman has applied for a grant with the Moorehead Foundation. There will be a dog park meeting on May 1st at 6:00 p.m.

LANDSCAPING AT COMMUNITY BUILDING: Ross reported that there will be some landscaping improvements done at the community building.

PLANNING GRANT: Jagers reported that Taylor University has helped the town secure funds so that we can move forward with a planning grant. The Council will need to interview perspective architects, hire a firm and begin the planning effort. Our priorities are parks, gateways, second street bridge, main street, historic downtown, second street, greenways and trails, landscaping, life style enhancements and economic development. Jagers recommended to the Council that we move forward with the Planning Grant and appoint a Planning Steering Group to help with the planning process. Those members would be Chip Jagers and Warren Ross from the Council and patrons Melanie Parker, Chamber President, Mary Lou Habecker, Taylor University, Marty Songer, Avis Industrial Corp. and Steve Olson, Finance. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Bonham to approve upon the recommendation of Jagers the Planning Grant submittal and the Planning Steering Group as presented. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  SIGNED: _____
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT