

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chip Jagers. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Carmin to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2013 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

VISITORS: Mr. Jagers welcomed students from Kings Academy School who were at the meeting to observe. Council welcomed any questions that the students might have had.

ENGINEERING FIRM: Marty Spees with Fleis and Vandendrink Engineering Firm informed the Council of grant money available from INDOT for projects that include sidewalks, signage, road projects and trails. The deadline for the applications is December 13th with an award date of January 30, 2014. The firm would like to offer assistance with the applications if the Council is interested in applying for one of the grants.

VARIANCE REQUEST: Kevin Webb currently at 236 S First St. is purchasing the property at 116 Indiana and would like to apply for a temporary home based business. The business would be located in one bay of their garage and be used for a Massage Therapy and Christian Counseling. There is currently eight off street parking places and there would be five to ten clients per week. He came to the Council as a courtesy and will go to the Area Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals for approval.

SECOND ST. BRIDGE: Long reported that Second St. Bridge is almost completed. He said it looks very nice and he is well pleased with the outcome.

ORDINANCE: An Ordinance on establishing truck parking on town streets was presented to the Council for review. The Council is to review the ordinance and bring back a recommendation for the meeting on November 19th.

REDISTRICTING: Bonham reported that he, Chip Long and Jane had met and worked on redoing the legislative voting districts for the Town Council. Currently they have 4 districts and one at large. It was brought to the attention of the Council that we could have 3 districts and two at large. The group will meet again and look at how it would be to have 3 districts with two at large and bring a recommendation to the Council for discussion at the November 19th meeting.

MANDATORY RETIREMENT: Carmin asked Mr. Forcum if he had found out what the retirement age for police officers is. Mr. Forcum is waiting on a call back from Jodie Woods with IACT.

SIGNAGE ON MAIN ST.: Schwartz asked about placing a sign on Main St. giving direction to the Upland Community Church. He was directed to the state highway department and the property owner to seek permission.

TREE LIGHTING: Ross reported that additional lights for the Town Christmas tree had been ordered. The tree lighting will take place on December 8th at 5 p.m. Our Town Upland will be meeting on November 6th to discuss the Tree Lighter. There is also a Greenway meeting on November 21st at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in joining any of these groups are welcome to attend the meetings.

PROPOSED AGENDA: It has been brought to the attention of the Council that the public would like to have an agenda of the meetings ahead of time. Council will work on getting agenda ready a week ahead of time and publish on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Town Hall, in the Seg-Way paper and will work on getting it posted on the town's web-site.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be a special called meeting on Monday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. with an Executive session to follow the meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel. There will also be a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 19th at 7 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:  SIGNED: _____
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT