

## **TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 11, 2013**

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met on the above date for a Special meeting. All members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chip Jagers.. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Schwartz to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2013 meeting. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

**BACK-HOE:** Long informed the Council that the new back-hoe would be delivered tomorrow Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**LEGISLATIVE VOTING DISTRICTS:** Bonham announced that we should be ready to make a decision on the districts at the meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The options are 4 districts with one at large or 3 districts with 2 at large.

**INDOT GRANTS:** Bonham has contacted Lou with Triad Engineering to come to the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the INDOT grants available.

**EAST ST. PROJECT:** Long reported that the East St. projects is 70% done. Should be completed this week.

**TOWN MARSHAL:** Jagers made a recommendation based on a year and a half of taking a closer look at how the town operates now and in the future. The Council has looked at how things are going with the utilities, and police based on the self study with one on one interviews following the self studies. Those interviews were followed by interviews with specific leaders being Jane, Chip and Mike. They were each given written plans to tighten some things up and move in some new directions. The Town Marshal role is appointed within the police force and serves at the pleasure of the Town Council. The Council feels that they need to change the appointment on whom the Town Marshal is. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Bonham to change the appointment and remove the title of Town Marshal from Mike Parker. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one. Jagers commented that Parker was very cooperative and willing to step away. He will remain on the police force with all of his benefits. Bonham expressed his appreciation in the process that was gone through. It was long but helpful and informative. He feels that we have solid officers on staff that are team players. Ross thanked Parker and the other Officers for their service. He was part of the process when Marshal Brown died. He is excited for the future but sad to see a good run come to an end. He feels that they are not only employees but friends.

**FIFTH OFFICER VACANCY:** Carmin would like the Council to talk about how we are going to fill or not fill the empty position for a 5<sup>th</sup> Officer left vacant when Aaron Kellogg resigned.

**INTERIM MARSHAL:** Motion by Carmin to appoint Bill Chambers as Interim Town Marshal for up to one year with evaluations along the way at 3 months, and more

extensive evaluation at 6 months. Those voting aye: Bonham, Carmin, Jagers, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall. There will be an executive session at 6 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

ATTEST Jane E. Rochell SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT