

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, APRIL 29, 2014

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 John Bonham. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Jagers to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2014 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

UMBAUGH: Jeff Rowe with Umbaugh gave their annual year end financial report findings for the water and sewage departments for year end 2013.

RESOLUTION: Motion by Jagers seconded by Schwartz to approve Resolution No.1-2014 for the receipt of Grant Co. Bridge No.198 from the Board of Commissioners of Grant Co. Indiana. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

BIDS ON 2003 PICK-UP TRUCK: Three bids were received for the sale of the 2003 Ford Pick-up Truck. They were opened and read by President Bonham. The first bid was from Aaron Smith in the amount of \$6101.00. The second was from Don White in the amount of \$5600.00 and the third was from the Upland Community Church in the amount of \$6501.00. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Schwartz to sell the truck to the highest bidder being the Upland Community Church in the amount of \$6501.00. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 5-2014: Motion by Carmin seconded by Ross to approve Salary Ordinance No. 5-2014 whereas Melissa Bastin was given a .60 cent raise for completing 6 month probation and a prorated of \$1000.00 given to town employees for the year 2014. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

NEW PICK-UP TRUCK: Motion by Schwartz seconded by Jagers to purchase a 2015 Ford 350 XL from Southworth Ford in Marion, IN for \$26,719.00. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

REASSIGNMENT: Bonham welcomed Brad Felver to the meeting. He has been assigned to oversee the utility distribution plants.

PLANNING PROCESS: Jagers reported that a planning meeting had been held on April 15th. Browning, Day, Mullins and Dierdorf walked through the process. The first thing to accomplish will be communication. That will be done in part by creating a Facebook page. They will also be conducting one on one interviews with key people and then have a public meeting sharing those thoughts. The number one question asked by people is how does this differ from the Charette done by Ball State University? The answer would be that we are building on the work that was done by Ball State.

INDOT LETTER: A draft of a letter was given to Council members for review requesting a traffic light at the intersection of Berry and State Road 22. The letter will be

forwarded to Mr. Forcum to review and then to be sent to INDOT. Mr. Carmin also requested that a copy be sent to our State Senator and State Representative.

RETIREMENT REPRESENTATIVE: Motion by Schwartz seconded by Ross to appoint Heath Crouch with Edward Jones to oversee the Town employees retirement funds. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION: Mr. Tibera brought to the Council as requested a written request for a special exception for a business at 226 W. Wright St. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Carmin to give a favorable recommendation to the request. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

PARK UPDATE: Ross reported on updates being made at the parks. Park benches, picnic tables have been ordered. A tree company and stump removal company has been contacted. Dog Park cleaned up, Depot doors refinished and treatment being done on the park lawns. Batting cages are being built for batting practice. The Park Advisory Board will be meeting this week to adopt by-laws. Opening day is Saturday, May 3rd with a community picnic at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall. There will be an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

ATTEST:


CLERK-TREASURER

SIGNED: _____

COUNCIL PRESIDENT