

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, AUGUST 5, 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 Jagers seconded by Carmin to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2014 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL: Gr. Co. Dept. Ed Beaty came to the meeting to report on the Candlelight Vigil that was held in Washington D.C. on May 13, 2014. Upland Police officer Jesse Nelson was killed in the line of duty and was recognized on the wall. Several souvenir items were given to the Council from the Vigil.

JANET SMITH: Mrs. Smith of 593 S. 5th St. came to the meeting with several concerns. A standing water problem that needs to be addressed, plowing of snow on fifth street and whether or not the unimproved fifth street is actually an extension of the street or private owned ground. Documentation was given to the Council and Town Attorney for further investigation. Mr. Forcum will look into the matter and report back to Council and Mrs. Smith. The Council told Mrs. Smith that the water problem was something that we could deal with now. Chip Long and Brad Felver will get together and try to come up with a solution to the problem.

2017 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Lisa Sells with Our Town Upland made a presentation to the Council about the 150 year celebration that will be in August of 2017. They are working on three phases. Envision, Celebrate and Legacy. They are asking the Council to appoint an official 150th Task Force to follow through with these phases.

SERENITY HOUSE: It was the consensus of the Council to approve a 5k run on October 4th from 7am – 11am for the Serenity House.

UPLAND LIONS CLUB: Jo Messner, President of the Upland Lions Club asked permission and gave a route for a 5k run/walk to be held on Monday, September 1st at 8 am. Consensus of the Council to approve the 5k run/walk.

UTILITY CORRIDOR ALONG 8TH ST.: Donald Brankle and Jack Himelick were at the meeting to speak against a stone utility corridor along 8th St. that would be in front of their homes. The Council explained that nothing had been finalized. The reason for the discussion of a corridor is for public safety and to have a place to walk and ride bicycles without using the streets. Mr. Brankle and Mr. Himelick were both asked if they would allow an 8ft. cement sidewalk that would be clear to the road with a curb? Both said they would have to think about that. The Council thanked the gentlemen for their input.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Marshal Chambers reported that he had been in contact with Principal at the elementary school about some alternatives for traffic flow before and after school. The school has decided to leave the traffic flow the same as last year.

TIF DISTRICT: Mr. Forcum reported that he had been in contact with Matt Conrad about TIF district ideas. They will be talking later to get more specific information and then Mr. Forcum will report back to the Council.

ADDITION TO STREET BARN: After discussion about adding on to the street barn using our own labor or having an outside contractor do the job, it was decided that our manpower would be stretched too thin to do the work ourselves. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Ross to approve Miller Construction to do the addition of the street barn at a cost of \$27,000.00. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

PLANNING REPORT: Chip Jagers gave an update on planning from Ryan Cambridge. The Steering Committee has met and will be bringing back ideas to Council and the public. It has been asked by some if communication could be more frequent. Ryan assured that could be done and has opened the Facebook site for suggestions and comments.

PARK UPDATE: Outside of the Community Building has been wrapped, guttering up shutters and painting done. Basketball courts are to be upgraded, working on updating the lighting in the park through a grant. Park Board to meet August 14th, Our Town Upland will meet Wednesday, August 6th and volunteers from the dog park will meet on Thursday, August 7th at 6 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:


CLERK-TREASURER

SIGNED:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT