

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, MARCH 3, 2015

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 February 3, 2015 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

HIRE OF NEW EMPLOYEE: Interviews were conducted last week for a Utility Maintenance employee. We had thirteen applications turned in and of those four were interviewed. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Jagers to hire Stan Willhide at a rate of \$12.19 an hour. There will be a six month probation period with a month by month probation within that six months. Applicant will start on March 9th. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

PARKING AGREEMENT: Taylor University will be redoing their current chapel into a student center and will be losing some parking. They have requested from the town an easement agreement on ground north of the water tower that they can use for parking. It was the consensus of the Council to authorize Mr. Forcum to draft an agreement to be signed by April 1, 2015.

NORTH LIFT STATION: Felver reported that the new system was up and running at the North Lift Station.

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Chambers gave the Council the police report for February 2015. He also reported that there were no reportable accidents in Town today with the slick conditions.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Jagers reported that the list has been expanded to the immediate list of things to accomplish. Full drawings that can go to bid will be provided for the southern gateway subject to availability of ground and the mid level park on Second Street has been moved up to an immediate need to go along with the Second Street corridor.

MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE: There was a motion by Carmin seconded by Schwartz to amend the Mandatory retirement ordinance for police officer whereas to grandfather Melvin Gerstorff employment to the age of 68 so that he may prepare for retirement and to that you may work until the end of the month of your 67th birthday month. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

LETTER TO INDOT: A request was made by the town for a traffic light at the intersection of Main and Berry St. The Council feels that we did not get a fair shake on the study. Two additional letters have been sent to INDOT with no response. The Council agreed to send one more letter and if no response another letter will be sent to someone higher up.

FIRE RUNS: Fire Chief Michael Howard has met with Mick Carmin about fire runs. Runs in town are paid by the town and runs in the township are paid by the township. Approximately 50% of the town calls are to Taylor University. It was suggested that Taylor University pay for those calls. Run information will be gathered and the discussion will be brought up at the CUTT meeting.

TOWN CLEAN-UP: The Upland Chamber will be having a town clean up on April 25th from 9am – noon. Rain date will be May 2nd. All volunteers and service organizations are encouraged to help.

BRIDGE CAFÉ: Cathy Kerton-Johnson spoke at the Chamber meeting today. They are planning on opening on March 19th.

PARKS UPDATE: Ross reported he had a couple more commitments for the lighting project. He also reported that there will be a Park Board meeting scheduled for later in the month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST: *Jane E. Bakwell* SIGNED: _____
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT