

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, APRIL 7, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met on the above date. All members were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Bonham. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Ross to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2015 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

LOCATION OF OLD HISTORICAL POLICE STATION AND VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALL: Cindy Wright with the Historical Society presented to the Council plans for the police station and Veteran's wall. They would like to have both placed on the south east side of the bridge which is town property. Council will take under advisement.

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE: Motion by Schwartz seconded by Carmin to approve Resolution No. 2015-1 whereas the Council adopted an ordinance requiring police officers to retire when they reach the age of 67. Because Melvin Gerstorff is close to that age the Council felt that he should be allowed to additional time in order to prepare for retirement. By the passing of this Resolution he is able to work an extra year of service in light of his current age. The Ordinance is No. 2015-3, amending Ordinance No. 2015-1 establishing a mandatory retirement age for full time police officers. The amendment being that all members of the police department shall be required to retire or resign from full time service with the Upland Police Department on the last day of the month in which they have their 67 birthday. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No One.

UNSAFE BUILDINGS: The town has an unsafe building ordinance in place. President Bonham would like Council members to bring a list to the town office for the Town Attorney to address. Mr. Forcum also suggested that the Town consider adopting a Nuisance Ordinance. He will prepare a draft for the next meeting.

DEMOLITION OF OLD LIBRARY: The target date to have the old library empty is April 27th. It needs to be examined for asbestos and the removal of and then get the building demolished.

EASEMENT: The paperwork for the easement with the Town and Taylor University for the south water tower has been completed and recorded.

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Chambers gave each Board member a copy of the March 2015 police report.

RETIREMENT: There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Ross to approve the resignation of Officer Michael Parker of the Upland Police Department effective March 20th, 2015. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

MASTER PLAN: Jagers reported that we were to have our final report by March 31st. He received an e-mail that personal and family illness had delayed the finish target date. Hopefully he will be able to finish up this week.

OLD POLICE CAR: Carmin was concerned about putting a car without a motor and unlicensed at the historical police station when we have an abandoned vehicle ordinance in town. Attorney suggested amending the ordinance to allow for this vehicle.

PROPOSED NUISANCE ORDINANCE: Carmin commented that if we have an ordinance telling people they cannot have junk on their property that we should not be accumulating junk on town property.

BASKETBALL COURTS: Ross reported that work should begin again on the basketball courts now that the weather is breaking.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES: Ross asked Jagers about possibility of getting together to work on grant opportunities for the lighting at the park.

ORDINANCES ON LINE: Ross asked if ordinances were available to review on line. Clerk commented that they are available on the web-site.

BILL PAY ON LINE: Ross asked if payments for water bills could be made on line. Clerk responded that yes they could and needed to be set up through the customer bank.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:  SIGNED: _____
CLERK-TREASURER COUNCIL PRESIDENT