

## TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session on the above date. All members were present. Clerk-Treasurer Jane Rockwell was absent from the meeting. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by President John Bonham. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Carmin to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2015 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

**VARIANCE REQUEST:** Amanda Kilgore requested a response from the Council for a variance on the set-back requirements on her property to 12 ft. There was a motion in support of Kilgore's request made by Ross seconded by Schwartz to provide a letter to Kilgore providing the Council's support for the variance. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one. (The final decision will be made on September 14, 2015 by the Board of Zoning Appeals.)

**SEWAGE RATE ORDINANCE:** Motion by Schwartz seconded by Carmin to approve as presented General Ordinance No. 6-2015 increasing the sewage rates. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

**WATER RATE ORDINANCE:** Motion by Jagers seconded by Ross to approve as presented General Ordinance No. 7-2015 increasing the water rates. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

**SALARY ORDINANCE:** Motion by Jagers seconded by Carmin to approve Salary Ordinance No. 8-2015 an ordinance regarding the compensation for Chip Long be approved as presented. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

**PLUNGE DAY:** Long reported that the town was getting ready for the Taylor University "Plunge Day." Projects are being identified.

**DRAINAGE ISSUES:** Felver reported that he and employees are working on drainage issues. They have ordered a new pump. Issues at Thoburn and Third Sts. are being addressed.

**BAD WATER METERS:** Dollar reported that there are some bad water meters in town and these are being addressed.

**LABOR DAY WEEK-END:** Chambers reported that the police departments are getting ready for Labor Day Week-end and they will be using extra staff during the week-end.

**FIRE DEPT.:** The Fire Dept. is still doing follow-up on fire truck issues.

**PARK:** Lighting is looking better and the poles are all up.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney James Forcum provided the Council with a draft of a Traffic Ordinance and a draft of an Ordinance Violations including a nuisance ordinance (re:weeds). The Council received these drafts as an information item. No action was taken. A question was raised by a patron regarding what vehicles are permitted on the Second Street Bridge. There was discussion and the current policy was re-stated for the patron.

**MASTER PLAN:** Jagers reported that the final version of the Town's Master Plan has been received from Browning Day Mullins and Dierdorf. We received two notebook copies; a bound copy is still due. Jagers distributed an executive summary of the plan to the Council. Jagers suggested to the Council that the south gateway would be a good project to implement from the plan. Jagers and Bonham will explore the gateway project with the appropriate parties.

**SPEED LIMIT SIGN:** Jagers asked Town Marshal Chambers to look into putting a new 35mph sign to the east of the Kershner Common entrance so that drivers would slow-up earlier as they enter the town. There has been excessive speeding prior to the entrance of Kershner Common reported by patrons. Chambers will look into the matter; his initial reaction was that this could be done. He will report back to the Council on this matter.

**PARKS UPDATE:** Ross provided a Parks update. Additional lighting is needed in the park. An access lock situation has developed with the complex doors. Wes Martin is the liaison to the Park Board from the baseball/softball association. Ross distributed a list of accomplished projects in the parks from 2012-2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. There will be an executive session on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm for contract negotiations.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES JAGGERS COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT