

TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 10, 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 and Town Attorney James Forcum were absent from the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Bonham. There was a motion by Carmin seconded by Schwartz to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2015 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

JANET SMITH: Patron Janet Smith 593 S. Fifth St. presented a series of requests to the Council in the form of questions. She asked: 1. Can the alley behind her home be vacated upon agreement. 2. Can others (other adjacent patrons) be required to share in the cost of creating an "access easement." 3. Can the town provide making or signage for the "access" which reads Private Lane? 4. Can there be a way for emergency vehicles to know our location? 5. We request no utility easement be located on the area. In other words no dedicated utility right of way through the property. John Bonham responded that the Town creates roadways and plats. The Town does not determine or manage private lanes.

GREGG BALLINGER: Patron Gregg Ballinger reported on the link between the North and South campuses of Eastbrook Schools using fiber optics. He is working on ways to improve camera security systems in town. He recommends: 1. Lights on all four sides of the baseball diamonds. 2. Remove two ash trees by the depot and 1 by the gazebo in Depot Park,

SECURITY ISSUE: Pastor Rob Neel mentioned security issue on the path by the Town Park.

BRAD FELVER: The following actions were reported by Brad Felver. 1. He has met with Triad Engineers on storm water issues. This will become a major project for the town. The projects will be done in phases but not piece meal. 2. Jasper Downam will retire effective December 31, 2015. 3. Brad is working on specs for a job opening He will provide Bonham a rough draft of the ideas he has and what next steps should be taken.

DERIK DOLLAR: Derik reported on the top projects in his area needing attention. 1. We need to address the valves in town as we can. 2. Third Street and Washington Street (at the intersection) have 6 inch valves that are leaking. Price to replace is \$10,800.00 from Keith Sullivan Excavating. 3. We have a 1 ½ water line between Payne and McCabe that could go at any time. Price to replace is \$29,500.00 from Keith Sullivan Excavating. There was a motion by Schwartz seconded by Ross to approve the purchase of valves and repair the water line as presented by Derik. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

POLICE REPORT: The department is helping to raise money for a cancer victim by participating in No Shave November. He recommended adopting the revised traffic code

2015-10 and that the abandoned vehicle fine be changed to \$50.00. There was a motion by Carmin seconded by Schwartz to adopt ordinance 2015-10 amending the traffic code. Those voting aye Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one. There was a motion by Ross seconded by Carmin to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-11 with a \$50.00 fine for abandoned vehicles. Those voting aye: Jagers, Carmin, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: No one.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: Ross reported that the tree lighting will be December 6th at 5p.m. Tree lighters will be Gene and Mary Lou Habecher.

GREEN THREE: Work is being done at the Upland Lions Club Lake. By consensus the Council blessed using town personnel and the town backhoe to clear the edge of the bank at the lake.

HONOR FLIGHT: Jagers shared his recent experience of participation in a Honor Flight which honors veterans. He encouraged the public to pursue an Honor Flight experience if they knew of a veteran from WWII, the Korean War or Viet Nam War.

THANK YOU NOTE: Jagers read a thank you note from Gene Habecher congratulating the town on its award for the town's Master Plan.

GIFT OF PROPERTY: Bonham presented an idea for discussion regarding a possible gift of property and funds to demolish the property from Taylor University. (Bonham acknowledged "Knowing we are under an unsafe building notice.") During the discussion there was general support for the idea. Carmin stated his concern for potential liability in accepting the property. His concern was liability for the tax payers of Upland. During the same discussion Derik Dollar asked about the town's old fire station, "Are we ready to demolish it as well." Bonham answered "yes." It was the consensus of the Council to approve completely tearing down the old library/fire station. There was then a motion by Bonham seconded by Jagers to proceed with allowing our Legal Council, Taylor University, and the town to put together a plan for review to allow Taylor University to gift their downtown properties to the Town. Those voting aye: Jagers, Bonham, Schwartz, Ross. Nays: Carmin.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: The Town will have their Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 19th at noon in the Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST


JANE E. ROCKWELL
CLERK-TREASURER

SIGNED: _____

COUNCIL PRESIDENT