

MINUTES TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, JULY 5, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in regular session on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall by President John Bonham. There was a motion by Ross seconded by Jagers to approve the minutes from the June 7th, 2016. Those voting aye: Jagers Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

NEW MOWERS: Derik Dollars gave the Council estimates on purchasing two new mowers for the town. He would recommend a two to three year rotation of the mowers. We currently have Exmark mowers and Dollar has been pleased with the quality of these mowers. Although the bid for mowers from Four Seasons is cheaper, the quality is not as good as we are used to. This was not a request to purchase at this time but to make the Council aware of our needs.

DEMOLITION: Council asked Dollar to get bids on demolition of old General Electronics building across the street from the Town Hall.

SALARY ORDINANCE: Motion by Jagers seconded by Crouch to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2016 establishing salaries for employees Ean VanWinkle and Ryan Barker. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

NEW HIRE: Motion by Bonham seconded by Crouch to hire Ean VanWinkle and Ryan Barker up to 20 hours a week no longer than September 30, 2016 retroactive to June 21, 2016. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

JANET SMITH: Mrs. Smith was at the meeting to discuss with the Council some concerns with her property. She is in need of a copy of an ordinance of vacation of an alley for her attorney to review. She also spoke to the Council about a drainage pipe on Eighth St. at new construction, a home on Jefferson St. that was a single family dwelling is now a two family dwelling with two different addresses. Is this permissible? She was told to check with the Area Plan Commission to see if an additional address was requested. She reported that there is a sign on 800 E. that flaps in the wind. This needs to be addressed by the County.

UPLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Dianne Hovermale, President of the Chamber of Commerce asked about what the town sees as goals for the town and who has the authority to make certain decisions. There are several civic organizations and a lot of volunteers but no one that oversees what is being done. The Chamber would like to see the Council establish some community framework. The Chamber will give Council time to think about and then they will come back to another meeting and enter into further dialog.

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Wolf gave the police report for the month of June. He also reported that the new police car has been ordered. Radios need to be updated. Wolf will work on formulating a plan and submit package with options.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES: Jagers reported that the poster size renderings of the Master Plan and the notebook produced by Browning, Dierdorf and Day are now being kept in the Taylor University Archives Division. They are visible and the public has total access. Anyone wishing to loan them out need to have permission from the Town Council or Taylor University President.

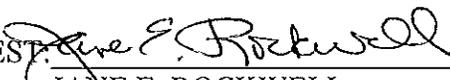
SOUTH ENTRANCE SIGN: Jagers, Bonham, Mr. Boren, Kerry Shanebrook and a representative from Browning, Dierdorf and Day met on the design of the sign. It was a positive meeting and hopefully will go to bid by January 2017.

ATT&T LEASE: Forcum reported that the current agreement waiting on approval with AT&T is that nothing would be placed on the tower without the permission of the Town and there would be a 10% increase in April of 2017.

PARK UPDATE: Ross reported that he will be meeting Thursday at 1:00 p.m. with Drew Moser and Derik Dollar about purchasing new playground equipment for the park with grant money received from the Community Foundation.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY: There is a grant available for streets and roads that is due by July 31st. A street assessment needs to be done and approved by INDOT before application is submitted. Dollar and Crouch will be working on the application.

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

ATTEST:  SIGNED: _____
JANE E. ROCKWELL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
CLERK-TREASURER