

## MINUTES TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met on the above date in regular session. All members were present. There was a Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 Budget at 7:00 p.m. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Slain to open the Public Hearing. There was no one present to speak for or against the proposed budget. There was then a motion by Ross seconded by Jagers to close the hearing. The adoption of the proposed 2017 Budget will be Tuesday, October 4th.

**UNSAFE BUILDING HEARINGS:** Two unsafe building hearings were held on properties at 183 N. Half and 205 Lake St. The Council explained to property owners that residents had complained about the properties asking the Council to have the properties cleaned up. It is not the goal of the town to manage how you take care of your property but we do have ordinances in place that you need to comply with. Each property owner gave a report on what had been done to comply up to this date. The Council will revisit the properties for an update on progress before the next meeting October 4th. It was also suggested that the Council consider an ordinance for dealing with dog feces. Mr. Forcum will be drawing up a proposed ordinance for Council review. There was then a motion by Ross seconded by Slain to close the Public Hearing on Unsafe Buildings. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

The regular meeting was then brought to order at 7:20 p.m. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Crouch to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2016 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**VACATION OF ALLEY:** Janet Smith discussed with the Council the vacation of an alley running east and west approximately west of 5<sup>th</sup> St. to the middle of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. The Area Plan Department shows that the alley has been vacated but it was never recorded. The Council came to the conclusion that the intent was to vacate with stipulations being made. One, they needed to provide the town with a dedication of the street prior to the ordinance vacating the alley and that they had the strict understanding that at this time the Town would be making no improvements on that road nor providing any maintenance for the road. Evidently this document was not provided to the town and the ordinance to vacate was never signed. Mr. Forcum suggested that the Smith's contact their attorney to see how this can be resolved.

**JEFFERSON TWP FIRE CONTRACT:** Trustee Craig Luthy has provided the town with a new contract for fire services for renewal. Bonham has asked Fire Chief Mike Howard and Clerk-Treasurer Jane Rockwell to read and have ready for Council to sign at their next meeting.

**AT & T CONTRACT:** Bonham reported that the contract with AT & T had been signed.

**FLAGS:** Dollar reported that an American flag and an Indiana flag were now on the Depot.

**DEMOLITION:** Dollar is waiting on an estimate from Bragg Excavation for demolition of the old General Electronics building.

**WATER MAIN:** A water main in front of the fire station blew while filling the tanker truck. Dollar is getting estimates for repair.

**POLICE REPORT:** Marshal Wolf gave the police report for the month of August. In his report he asked the Council if he could start the hiring process for an additional officer. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Slain to start the hiring process. The final candidates to meet with Wolf and representatives of the Council. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Mike Howard told the Council he has an ISO rating hearing the end of the month.

**PARK REPORT:** Ross reported that the looks of the parks have improved. He suggested that we consider a sign at the entrance of the park with park rules. October 11<sup>th</sup> the new playground equipment is to be delivered. The Park Board is considering ideas for the property on Second Street across from the elementary school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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