

MINUTES TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met on the above date in regular session. Bonham was absent from the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall at 7:00 p.m by Vice-President Chip Jagers. There was a motion by Crouch seconded by Slain to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2016 meeting. Those voting aye: Crouch, Jagers, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

ABANDONED VEHICLES: Larry Stump thanked the police department for their help in getting abandoned vehicles removed from his neighborhood. He also asked if the town and engineers had come up with a plan for fixing the storm water issue on First and Washington St. Triad is currently working on a proposal and will be separating projects into smaller projects.

CHICKENS IN TOWN: Jim and Amy Spiegel approached the Council about being able to raise hen laying chickens within the town limits. She cited health benefits from the fresh eggs and to teach responsibility and work ethics to their children. 93% of the top 100 cities including Indianapolis currently allow chickens within the town limits. Jagers commented that the town needed at least one more meeting to consider the ordinance and that they would take under advisement. Marshal Wolf commented that there is the issue of the smell and drawing wild animals into town.

SALARY ORDINANCE: Motion by Crouch seconded by Slain to approve Salary Ordinance No-9-2016 increasing the salary of Melissa Bastin by .15Cents per hour due to completing 3 years of service. Those voting aye: Crouch, Jagers, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

NEW POLICE OFFICER: There was a motion by Crouch seconded by Slain to approve the hire of Daniel Strobe for Patrolman for the Town of Upland beginning November 14th, 2016. Those voting aye: Crouch, Jagers, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

SALARY ORDINANCE: Motion by Jagers seconded by Crouch to approve Salary Ordinance No. 8-2016 establishing a salary for Patrolman Daniel Strobe. Those voting aye: Crouch, Jagers, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

SALT: Felver reported that street salt had been ordered for this winter.

MOSQUITO: Felver has been contacted by the Health Department about spraying for mosquitoes. He will give Council more information when he receives information from the Health Department.

DEMOLITION: The demolition of the building on Main Street is ready to go as soon as the gas company abandons their line. A fence will need to be erected on our property separating our property from the McDaniel's property.

GRANT APPROVAL: Fire Chief Mike Howard reported that they had received a grant from EMA to reprogram radios.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Clerk-Treasurer presented an alternative Health Insurance program for the year 2017 through IPEP. Council will take under advisement until the December meeting.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT: Ross reported that the matching funds had been raised for the \$3000.00 Community Foundation Grant for playground equipment.

OUR TOWN UPLAND: Our Town Upland will meet on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT: Crouch reported that he, Bonham, Felver and Dollar will be meeting with a representative from INDOT on November 9th to see what we need to do to prepare for the next time the grant becomes available.

PARK SIGNS: Ross and Marshal Wolf met at the park yesterday to discuss signage for rules of the park. Instead of having several signs throughout the park it was decided to have one sign made with the rules posted and placed at the entrance of the park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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