

MINUTES TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, JANUARY 3, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met on the above date in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Upland Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. by President John Bonham. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Slain to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

ANIMALS IN TOWN: Don Knudsen 211 W. Overlook was at the meeting to again express his interest in allowing animals ie livestock in town. Since the Council is discussing the ordinance on allowing chickens in town Mr. Knudsen thought this would be a good time to revisit his request from two years ago. No action was taken on his request but taken under advisement.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1: There was a motion by Crouch seconded by Ross to approve Ordinance No. 2017-1 as written amending Section 91.02 to allow backyard chickens within the town limits. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

SALARY INCREASE FOR 2017: It was the consensus of the Council to approve a \$1000.00 increase to all full time employees and \$1000.00 to be deposited into the employee's retirement account or HSA account with Steve Wolf and Dan Strobe's to be prorated based on the number of months employed in 2016. The Town attorney will increase from \$10025.75 to \$10,950.00 and the Council salary will increase from \$4516.54 to \$4625.00. Salary ordinance to be prepared and voted on at the January 17th meeting. Note: Jagers would like the Council to look at each year as to whether to give an across the board raise or a percentage. A percentage rewards longevity. Something to consider in the future.

RETAIN TOWN ATTORNEY: Motion by Jagers seconded by Slain to retain James Forcum as the Town Attorney for the year 2017. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

WWTP INSPECTION: Felver gave a copy of the inspection for the Wastewater Plant. There were no significant findings.

BOND ISSUE: Forcum has been in contact with Steve Olson from Taylor University concerning a bond issue. He will be at the next meeting to discuss the project.

STORMWATER INCREASE: It has been brought to the attention of the Council that an increase is needed in the stormwater in order to complete some projects that need to be done. Bonham will ask Lou Savka to attend the next meeting to give some specifics.

SIGNAGE FOR PARKS: New signs for the park should be completed soon.

OUR TOWN UPLAND: There will be an Our Town Upland meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. There will be an administrative meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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