

MINUTES TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, JANUARY 17, 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 Jaggars seconded by Crouch to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting. Those voting aye: Jaggars, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

SALARY ORDINANCE: Motion by Bonham seconded by Slain to approve Salary Ordinance No. 1-2017 establishing salaries for employees for the year 2017. Those voting aye: Jaggars, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT: There was a motion by Slain seconded by Ross to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Triad Associates for preparing a pavement management plan in the amount of \$6900.00. Those voting aye: Jaggars, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

FENCE OPTIONS: Dollar gave the Council three options for fencing around the demolition site on Main Street. They were: Vinyl Privacy fence in the amount of \$4876.95, vinyl split rail in the amount of \$1925.77 and chain link in the amount of \$1416.84. It was the consensus of the Council to table a decision until the February 7th meeting.

POLICE REPORT: Marshal Wolf gave the police report for the month of December 2016. He reported that he will need to replace two firearms this year. He was authorized to sell to current police officers the firearms we have at the trade-in cost. He will be interviewing candidates for a police officer beginning the end of January. Dan Strobe will be attending the academy beginning March 6th, 2017 for sixteen weeks.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY BOND ISSUE: Steve Olson, Chief Financial Officer at Taylor University proposed to the Council the refinancing their bond debt of 2007. By refinancing they are able to save money. He presented an Ordinance to the Council for consideration. There was a motion by Jaggars seconded by Crouch to pass on the first reading Ordinance No. 2-2017 authorizing the Town of Upland to issue its economic development revenue refunding bonds, series 2017 (Taylor University Project) and approving and authorizing other actions in respect thereto. Those voting aye: Jaggars, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one. The Economic Development Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on February 7th to make their recommendation to the Council for final approval of the ordinance on February 7th.

POTENTIAL TOWN MANAGER: Jaggars reported that the Council is reestablishing the position of Town Manager. The council is working on a job description. This individual would be an administrator with significant responsibilities. There was a

motion by Jagers seconded by Ross to accept the idea of Town Manager position as presented to the Council with the authority to fill the position as soon as April 2017. Those voting aye: Jagers, Couch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL: Motion by Bonham seconded by Jagers to have President, Vice-President and Council assignments to remain the same as 2016. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

STORMWATER RATE INCREASE: Motion by Slain seconded by Jagers to approve the process of raising the stormwater rate from \$3.50 per month to \$5.00 per month. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Jagers reported that he and Bonham had met with the Eastbrook School Board on January 9th concerning partnering to develop the property across from the Eastbrook South elementary school. An exploratory task force will be formed to look at all issues. Everyone felt it was a win win win situation.

SIGN PROJECT: The sign project for the south end of town is on indefinite hold at this time.

UNSAFE BUILDINGS: Bonham met with Area Plan Commission today. Any home that has not had water for at least six months can be reported to the Area Plan Commission and can be deemed an unsafe structure. Clerk is to monitor these types of homes and send letter to Area Plan notifying them of such.

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

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