

MINUTES TOWN OF UPLAND, INDIANA, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING: Bonham opened a Public Hearing for the purpose of a Storm Water rate increase. The proposed rate increase is from \$3.50 per month to \$5.00 per month. Lou Savka, Triad Engineers spoke to the public and identified problem areas that need to be addressed. At the present time, Storm Water revenue is enough to meet salaries but there is no excess. We need to be able to build up the revenue in order to do these projects. There was no one from the public to speak for or against the increase. The ordinance for the increase will be presented at the meeting on February 21st for approval. There was then a motion by Jagers seconded by Slain to close the public hearing. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

REGULAR MEETING: Bonham opened the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. All members were present. There was a motion by Ross seconded by Jagers to approve the minutes from the January 17th, 2017 meeting. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP: Scott Blakely, Associate Director with Community Action Partnership shared with the Council their plans to open a coffee shop in the old Pacesetter Bank building. They are an agency to help people with specific needs. They provide life skills, daycare for their clients and encourage and help to finish school to name a few. The coffee shop is just a vessel that helps their clients. The money generated from the coffee shop is unrestricted and can be used to help in the above mentioned capacities. The Council welcomed the new business to town.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Forcum reported that the Economic Development Commission had met at 6:30 regarding the Taylor Bond issue. It was the recommendation of the Commission to have the Council pass the ordinance refinancing the existing bonds. There was then a motion by Crouch seconded by Slain to approve Ordinance No.2-2017 on its second reading. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

BLIGHT DEMOLITION: Bonham reported that the town is looking into grants for funding of demolition of unsafe buildings.

FENCE OPTIONS: Dollar gave the Council three options for fencing around the demolition site on Main Street at the last meeting. 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. There was a motion by Jagers seconded by Crouch to put the vinyl split rail in the amount of \$1925.77 on three sides. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

WATER TOWER: Brad Felver reported that he had been contacted by AT & T about adding additional equipment to the north water tower. There was a motion by Bonham seconded by Ross to have Mr. Forcum send a letter to AT & T that based on our signed agreement with them our position has not changed about adding additional equipment to the tower. There would need to be a structural analysis done (the company approved by Triad) and paid for by AT & T before any additional equipment could be installed. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

LETTER OF INTENT: Marshal Wolf gave the Council a letter of intent on retirement of Patrolman William Chambers effective April 7, 2017. There was a motion by Crouch seconded by Slain to accept the letter with appreciation of twenty years of service to the Town of Upland. Those voting aye: Jagers, Crouch, Bonham, Slain, Ross. Nays: No one.

MOTOROLA RADIOS: Marshal Wolf had a quote for five new radios from Motorola at a cost of \$11,122.00. He reported that the County has six radios that they are not able to trade-in and has offered to give the radios to Upland. The only cost might be to have them reprogrammed.

POLICE INTERVIEWS: Interviews will begin this week for a police officer to fill the position of William Chambers.

POLICE ACADEMY: Patrolman Dan Strobe will be leaving for the Police Academy on March the 6th and will be gone for sixteen weeks.

ISO RATING: Fire Chief Mike Howard reported that an ISO rating study had been done recently. The rating changed from a 6 to a 5. The lower the number the better the rating.

FIRE TRUCK: The high bidder for the 1987 Fire truck has never come to pay for or pick-up the truck. It was the consensus of the Council to contact the next highest bidder to see if they are still interested in the truck.

CORE DESIGNATION: Bonham reported that the Council is working on core designation for the downtown area.

OCRA MEETING: Bonham and Ross attended a meeting at the Bridge concerning OCRA grants. Both said it was an informative meeting and came out of the meeting with some good information.

TOWN MANAGER POSITION: Jagers reported that the position has been advertised and applications are starting to come in.

UPLAND COMMUNITY TASK FORCE: A task force has been formed between Eastbrook, Town Council and Community representatives for the community park across from Eastbrook South elementary.

WALL OF HONOR: Our Town Upland is working on constructing a Wall of Honor to honor citizens that have made a difference in Upland. They want it to be constructed in the Depot Park.

TIF DISTRICT: The Council will revisit TIF districts after the core designation study.

DRAWDOWN LOAN: Bonham will be checking with local banks to get bids on a drawdown loan for the town.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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