

## Upland Town Council Minutes: January 2, 2024

- READI 2.0 grant application has been turned in and accepted.
- Thank you to those that worked on the Sewer Project - Bowman, Commonwealth, and our Utility workers.
- The Stormwater Project is coming to a close.
- Rick Jarrett will be retiring at the end of January. Councilman Sutherland asked if Rick could be at the next meeting for recognition.
- Taylor University was awarded a \$30 Million grant from Eli Lilly Endowment for their Main Street Mile proposal. There will be a dinner held for the council member on January 22 and a community event on February 9.
- Councilman Sutherland stated that there may hold open community forums on the 5th Tuesday of the month to talk about the concerns of the community.

### Action Items:

### Public Comments:

- ❖ Janet Smith, 593 S. 5th Street, advised the council that the State of Indiana has announced that there are additional funds for repair of bridges.

### Council Reports:

- ❖ **Amy McCrea**- Nothing to Report
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore**- Thank you for allowing him to serve our community . He has been part of public office for the past 19 years and looks forward to trying to make a difference in the Upland community.
- ❖ **Michael Harbin** – It is a privilege to serve.
- ❖ **Brian Hunt** - Welcomed the new council member.
- ❖ **Ron Sutherland**- Urged the community to let the council members your concerns and how they can help.

**ADA/Title 6 Concerns:** Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held January 16, 2024 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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### **Opening Remarks :**

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on January 2, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Ron Sutherland.

In attendance were Ron Sutherland, Brian Hunt, Amy McCrea, Shawn Sizemore, and Michael Harbin.

### **Opening Business:**

Councilman Sutherland opened the meeting asking for a nomination by council members for the position of President and Vice President of the council for 2024. A motion to elect Ron Sutherland for President was made by Brian Hunt, seconded by Michael Harbin. Ron Sutherland was elected President of Upland Town Council by a vote of 4-0, Ron Sutherland abstained.

Ron Sutherland made a motion to elect Shawn Sizemore as Vice President, seconded by Michael Harbin. Shawn Sizemore was elected by a vote of 4-0, Shawn Sizemore abstained.

Meeting minutes from the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting were presented for approval by the clerk-treasurer. Motion to approve made by Brian Hunt, 2nd-Ron Sutherland, Approved with a vote of 2-0 with the new council members abstaining.

### **Department Reports:**

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**
  - Marshal Cassidy welcomed the new council members.
  - Officer Doak Labarr started training at the Police Academy today and will be done on April 9, 2024.
  - Councilman Sizemore asked if the department is fully staffed. Marshal Cassidy stated that we are fully staffed with 5 officers.
- ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department - Not Present**
- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Rines Hammond**
  - Attorney Hammond reported that she is working on a comprehensive Noise/Nuisance ordinance.
  - It was reported that the annual conflict of interest statements were completed by the council members.
- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
  - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher presented the December APV Register and Payroll Allowance Docket for approval. A motion to approve was made by Brian Hunt, seconded by Ron Sutherland, motion approved by a vote of 2-0 with the 3 new council members abstaining.
- ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez- Not Present (Illness)**
  - Mr. Perez emailed a report to the council for review