

Upland Town Council Minutes: January 16, 2024

- The Sewer Project is mostly complete and under budget. Thank you to Bowen for their expertise and to Brad Felver for his work with Bowen.
- The Stormwater construction is done but the restoration list is long and will be dealt with in the spring.
- The Town Manager will advertise for the open labor position within the next month.
- Grant County Area Plan sent land use redefinition for 230 S. Main Street to rezone the property back to residential from business use. This is Ordinance 1-2024. Brian Hunt motioned to approve this change, seconded by Amy McCrea. Ordinance was adopted by a vote of 5-0.
- Mr. Perez has received the report from our most recent ISO inspection and our ISO rating remained the same.
- Mr. Perez reported that the current legal council is changing firms. Mr. Perez asked for a vote to remain with the current council, Adrienned Rines Hammond. A motion to continue to retain our current council was made by Brian Hunt, seconded by Amy McCrea. Motion was passed by a vote of 5-0. Ms. Hammond will provide a contract from the new firm.

Action Items:

Public Comments:

Council Reports:

- ❖ **Amy McCrea**- Nothing to Report
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore**- Nothing to report
- ❖ **Michael Harbin** – Mr. Harbin reported that he attended the Newly Elected Official Training provided by AIM.
- ❖ **Brian Hunt** - Mr. Hunt thanked Rick Jarrett for serving our community.
- ❖ **Ron Sutherland**- Mr. Sutherland thanked Rick Jarrett for serving our community.

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held February 6, 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 16, 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 asked for a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 Council meeting minutes. Motion was made by Michael Harbin, seconded by Shawn Sizemore. Minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

Jonathan Perez and Council members thanked Rick Jarrett for his service to the Town of Upland.

Department Reports:

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**
 - Marshal Cassidy thanked Rick Jarrett for service
- ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department - Not Present**
- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Rines Hammond**
 - Attorney Hammond presented a first draft of the proposed Nuisance Ordinance. Planning to have the 1st reading at the February 6 meeting.
 - It was asked by the attorney if there are any additional properties that need to be added to annexation on 8th Street?
 - Councilman Sutherland asked if Council Members, Clerk-Treasurer, Marshal, and Town Manager will review the Nuisance Ordinance and give feedback.
- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
 - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher reported that an Administrative Session was held prior to the meeting with Steve Dalton from Cender Dalton to discuss the state of the water fund and options for raising water rates. Tentative schedule to address the water rates is 1st reading on February 6, 2nd reading and Public Hearing on February 20, Final vote on March 5.
 - Clerk-Treasurer reported that she is battling NEO (Newly Elected Officials) Bootcamp this week.
- ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez- See Town Manager Report**
 - Mr. Perez reported on our READI 2.0 Application
 - The State has awarded \$500 Million to be distributed between 17 regions across the state. There are 9 counties in our region
 - Bidding for the Indiana Street and South Street Extension are scheduled to be opened on February 6, 2024.