

## Upland Town Council Minutes: February 7, 2023

### Opening Remarks:

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Ron Sutherland following the Unsafe Building Committee Meeting.

In attendance were Ron Sutherland, Warren Ross, Heath Slain, Matt Voss and Brian Hunt.

Meeting minutes from January 17, 2023 were approved. 1st- Matt Voss, 2nd- Warren Ross; 5-0 Approval Vote.

### Department Reports:

#### ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**

- Marshal Cassidy presented the case list from January showing 3 cases for the month.

#### ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Bruce Howard- Not Present**

#### ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Hammond**

- Mrs. Hammond requested approval by the council to authorize Jonathan Perez, Town Manager, to be the authorizing signatory for Opioid Fund documents. Motion to approve by Matt Voss, 2nd - Warren Ross, Approved by 5-0 vote.
- An agreement for the transfer of the real property commonly known as 38 N. Main St, Upland, IN 46989 from the Town of Upland to NearSpace Launch was presented to the council for approval. Motion to approve by Warren Ross, seconded by Heath Slain, Vote approved 4-0, Matt Voss abstained
- Ordinances have been published both online and in book form.

#### ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**

- Mrs. Fletcher presented the APV Register and Payroll Allowance Docket for January for approval. Motion to approve by Heath Slain, seconded by Warren Ross, Approved 5-0 vote.
- A request was made to approve the participation in the State of Indiana's TRECS collection program to collect unpaid utility bills. Approved by a vote of 5-0.
- It was also reported that there were many past due accounts that were either brought current or set up on payment plans. In January, we collected approximately \$8,500 in past due funds.

#### ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez**

- Jeremy Hardy, Commonwealth Engineering, reported that Bowman has 90% of the supplies for the Sewer project order and they are ready to

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start the project Apr 1, 2023 . Jeremy also presented a report on other ongoing projects.

- Mr. Perez reported that there has been many hours invested in working with Verizon to fix the phone and internet system.
- He is also working with Matt Voss on our website updates.
- Mr. Perez reported that they are working on completing the infrastructure for additional homes south of the creek on 8th street.
- The replacement light pole for the park was delivered today.
- He is still working on drafting a recommendation on the use of UTV in town limits.
- Received a bid on a sound system for Town Hall. That bid was \$8600. We are waiting on one additional bid.
- Mr. Perez reported on a proposed bill with the State of Indiana that would require livestream with independent storage for municipalities. This requirement would be a strain on small municipalities.
- Jeremy Hardy presented a bid from Bunn, Inc. for \$1,119,105 for the construction of the Stormwater Project on Jefferson Street. This amount would be covered by grants and ARPA money. Motion to approve the agreement with Bunn, Inc. by Warren Ross, seconded by Heath Slain. Approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Mr. Hardy also presented a notice to proceed on the Stormwater Project on Jefferson Street. Motion to approve the notice by Heath Slain, seconded by Brian Hunt, Approved by a vote of 5-0.
- An amendment to revise the Stormwater Project management costs to \$131,300. Motion to approve by Warren Ross, seconded by Matt Voss, Approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Mr. Hardy presented the bids for the SR 22 water relocation project. Yardberry's bid was \$598,552 and Bunn, Inc. bid was \$1,440,694. No action is required at this time. The estimated amount was \$620,800 and the bid was \$22,248 under estimate.
- SR22 Project with INDOT are still on schedule to start in March. Project will start on the southside of town.

### Action Items:

- ❖ 1st Reading of the Sewer Bond Ordinance 1-2023 for a maximum loan of \$9,725,000. Motion to approve by Warren Ross, seconded by Brian Hunt, Approved by a vote of 5-0.
- ❖ 1st Reading of the Sewer Rate Ordinance 2-2023 for the increase of sewage rates to pay for the debt incurred for sewer improvements and future maintenance of the Upland Sewer system. Motion to approve by Heath Slain, seconded by Warren Ross, Approved by vote of 5-0.
- ❖ Mr. Price and Mr. Crandell also presented a request for voluntary property annexation. Motion to accept the petition for annexation was made by Matt Voss, seconded by Heath Slain, Approved by a vote of 5-0
- ❖ Mr. Perez requested a motion to approve the 1st reading of Resolution 1-2023, Declaring Economic Revitalization Area for Upland Apartments, LLC. Motion by Warren Ross, seconded by Heath Slain, approve by a vote of 5-0
- ❖ Mr. Perez requested a motion to approve the 1st reading of Resolution 2-2023 for the abatement of taxes for a five year period for the proposed annexed property

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listed in Resolution 1-2023. Motion made by Matt Voss, seconded by Brian Hunt, Approve by a vote of 5-0.

- ❖ A recommendation to approve the purchase of new radios for the Upland Police Department. Two bids were presented and the bid from J & K Communications for \$35,865.58 was recommended. A motion to approve the purchase of upgraded radios was made by Warren Ross, seconded by Matt Voss, approved by a vote of 5-0.

### Public Comments:

- ❖ Andrew Preston, 230 S. Main St , part owner of Upland Print & Stitch, presented a proposal to kick off a place branding initiative for the Town of Upland.
- ❖ Kathy Adams, 646 E. Washington St, expressed her concerns about the property located at 112 N. Half Street. Mrs. Adams was assured that that property is first on the Unsafe Building Nuisance list.

### Council Reports:

- ❖ **Brian Hunt**- Nothing to report
- ❖ **Matt Voss**- Nothing to report
- ❖ **Heath Slain** – Nothing to report
- ❖ **Warren Ross** - Reported that he attended the Upland Fire Department meeting. There are several maintenance issues at the Fire Station. Is there funds to do some improvements?  
Also asked that the Volunteer Firemen be allowed free use of the Community Building. Motion to approve by Warren Ross, seconded by Heath Slain, Approve by a vote of 5-0.
- ❖ **Ron Sutherland**- Nothing to report

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

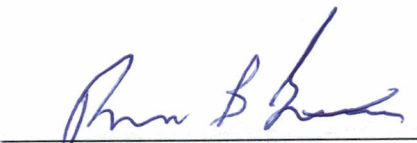
Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm .

The next regular Council Meeting will be held February 21, 2023 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.d

ATTEST:

  
Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT