

Upland Town Council Minutes: Apr 18, 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 7:00 PM by Council President, Ron Sutherland. In attendance were Ron Sutherland, Warren Ross, and Heath Slain. Absent: Matt Voss and Brian Hunt

Meeting minutes from April 4, 2023 were presented for approval.
1st- Heath Slain, 2nd- Warren Ross, 3-0 Approved Vote

Department Reports:

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**
 - Marshal Cassidy reports that teenage kids have been seen on video trying to get into Pierce Church and breaking into cars. Most stolen items have been recovered.
 - He reiterated to community members to please report any suspicious activity.
- ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Bruce Howard- Not Present**
- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Hammond**
 - Mrs. Hammond reported that she has received communication from Ice Miller concerning an Engagement Letter for SRF Rebate filings. This was tabled until the Clerk-Treasurer has a chance to review this request.
- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
 - Mrs. Fletcher presented the March, 2023 Allowance Docket for approval by the Council. 1st- Warren Ross, 2nd- Heath Slain, Approved 3-0 vote.
 - The APV Register for March, 2023 was also presented for approval by the Council. 1st- Heath Slain, 2nd- Warren Ross, Approved 3-0 vote
- ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez**
 - Jeremy Hardy, Commonwealth Engineers, reported the bids for the Spencer Avenue drainage project have been received. Yardberry and Bunn both bid on the project. Bids were between \$48,000-\$49,000. Funds will be paid from ARP or Stormwater depreciation. That is to be determined.
 - Mr. Perez reported that sound equipment has been ordered for live streaming.
 - The Park Board and Mr. Perez are coordinating a list of projects for the Serve Day on May 6. Town Spring Clean up will be May 5-6.
 - The Basketball nets at the park have been replaced
 - It was reported that Mr. Perez will be out of the office April 19-21 for the Annual AIM Conference.
 - Marshal Cassidy, Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher, and Mr. Perez have been in discussions on adding a 5th officer. We will be making a recommendation soon to the Town Council.

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- Councilman Sutherland asked what the cycle is to repave roads. Mr. Perez answered that the roads are assessed annually.
- Councilman Ross commented that he was in support of adding a 5th officer.

Public Comments:

- ❖ Ryan Mallot, Grant County Area Plan, presented information on the new Grant County ordinance concerning AirBNB properties and short-term rental properties. He is asking the Town of Upland to adopt the Grant County ordinance. This ordinance would allow the county to charge \$150 to each AirBNB or short term rental property. Councilman Sutherland asked if the Town of Upland has any say in whether an AirBNB gets approved. Ryan responded that because of Indiana Code, the town does not have a say in the approval of an AirBNB but they can come to a hearing to object.
- ❖ Ryan Mallot also presented information and an amended ordinance on grading permits. The amendment removed the words “other than a fence” from the original ordinance.
- ❖ Ryan Mallot reported that the Grant County Area Plan is going to coordinate with the Town Manager to demolish the old print shop on Washington Street.
- ❖ Steve Lhaman, 678 Oak Ct. and Charles Aidt, 681 E. Oak Ct, are requesting that the Town Council consider passing a Noise Ordinance. There are multiple complaints concerning a neighborhood resident making excessive noise late into the night. Ryan Mallot commented that there is a Grant County Noise Ordinance that the town can adopt. Mr. Perez said that this issue is on his radar and they are working on getting something in place.
- ❖ Erin Wolf, 329 N. Lake St., requested a speed limit sign on Lake Street. Mrs. Wolf also reported that the Park Board met on April 11 and is requesting that border and rubber mulch be ordered from the Park Budget.

Council Reports:

- ❖ Ron Sutherland-
 - Mr. Sutherland reported that Darci Nurkkala is now the president of the Greenway Board.
- ❖ Warren Ross
 - Mr. Ross requested an update on a UTV Ordinance. He would like to see something done soon on this.
 - Mr. Ross reported that he is continuing to work with the Police and Fire Departments on updates that are needed to their facilities.
- ❖ Health Slain- Nothing to Report

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm

The next regular Council Meeting will be held May 16, 2023 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.

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ATTEST: _____ SIGNED: _____
Mary Fletcher(Clerk Treasurer) COUNCIL PRESIDENT