

Upland Town Council Minutes: October 17, 2023

Opening Remarks :

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on October 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Ron Sutherland.

In attendance were Ron Sutherland, Warren Ross, Heath Slain, and Brian Hunt. Councilman Voss was absent.

2nd Hearing of the 2024 Budget

Hearing postponed until Oct 24, 2023 due to advertising restrictions.

Opening Business:

Meeting minutes from the October 3, 2023 Council meeting were presented for approval by the clerk-treasurer. Motion to approve made by Heath Slain, 2nd-Brian Hunt, Approved with a vote of 4-0.

Department Reports:

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy- Not Present**
- ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department- Not Present**
- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Hammond**
 - Attorney Hammond reported that she is working on the 8th Street Annexation. This is a top priority.
 - Clerk-Treasurer and Attorney Hammond are currently working on an RFP for our trash service.
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- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
 - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher presented the September APV Register and Payroll Allowance Docket for approval. A motion to approve was made by Warren Ross, seconded by Heath Slain, motion approved by a vote of 4-0.
 - Mrs. Fletcher reminded the council that due to Election, there will not be a meeting held on Nov 7, 2023. Our next meeting will be November 21, 2023
- ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez**
 - Mr. Perez reported the following:
 - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher and Mr. Perez continue to work with Comcast for new phone and internet service. The lead time for all locations is relatively short. It will take a little longer for Town Hall

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due to us opting to use fiber optic service. The internet service is needed to effectively live stream our meetings.

- Mr. Perez reported on ongoing issues with Bunn concerning the Jefferson Street Stormwater project. He is working with Commonwealth to resolve these issues. Councilman Sutherland reminded the council and public that Bunn was the lowest bidder on this project, therefore the town was obligated to accept their bid per Indiana State guidelines.
- Mr. Perez expected an announcement on Friday, October 6 on our CCMG application.
- Work at Urban Street and Main Street has begun as part of the SR22 project.
- The Utility Department is looking into purchasing a mini excavator with excess Sewer SRF funds.
- The Stempark Grand Opening was well attended by the community.

Action Items:

- ❖ Councilman Sutherland reported on the many Executive Sessions that have been held over the past few months. He reported that the meetings were concerning the Town Manager position. The Council did a performance review and set goals for 2024. A motion was made to retain Jonathan Perez as Town Manager for 2024 was made by Brian Hunt, seconded by Warren Ross, motion was approved by a vote of 4-0. This is be Mr. Perez's final year in his current contract. Thank you to Mr. Perez for all of the work done for the Town of Upland. We have received a substantial amount of grants during his tenure

Public Comments:

None

Council Reports:

- ❖ **Brian Hunt** - Nothing to report
- ❖ **Matt Voss**- Absent
- ❖ **Heath Slain** – Nothing to report
- ❖ **Warren Ross** - Fire department will be holding their annual elections in November. Bruce Howard has again been nominated to be Fire Chief for 2024. The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on the 1st Sunday in December.
- ❖ **Ron Sutherland**- We will address the Stump issues at the November 21 meeting.

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm

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

ATTEST:


Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:


COUNCIL PRESIDENT