

Upland Town Council Minutes: April 2, 2024

Opening Remarks :

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

In attendance were Shawn Sizemore, Ron Sutherland and Michael Harbin. Amy McCrea was not present and the 5th Council seat has been vacated.

Opening Business:

Councilman Sizemore asked for a motion to approve the April 2, 2024 Council Meeting minutes. Motion was made by Michael Harbin, seconded by Ron Sutherland. Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

Department Reports:

❖ Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy

- Marshal Cassidy reported that there will be additional officers on duty for the eclipse events on April 8, 2024.
- In March, there were 573 calls. Most of those calls were vacation and business checks.
- Thank you to Kenneth Duncan for his 20 years of service to the Upland Community. He retired as of March 31, 2024. Office Duncan was presented with his service weapon and a key to the town by Council President Sizemore and Marshal Cassidy. Councilman Sizemore expressed this gratitude for Office Duncan's service and stated that he has been a great office and great friend.

❖ Upland Volunteer Fire Department - Not Present

❖ Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Rines Hammond

- Attorney Hammond continues to work on the annexation. There are still 4 property owners that have not responded. 2 have verbally committed to sign the voluntary annexation. Shannon will continue to work to contact those owners.
- Attorney Hammond has been meeting with the new town council members.
- Councilman Sutherland asked about the status of transferring the Canoe Trail to the Town of Upland. He stated that Taylor would like the liability to be shifted to town. Attorney Hammond stated that she is working on getting the survey records from Taylor.

❖ Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher

- Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher said she is working on getting quotes to have an audit done to evaluate the town's assets. This has not been done since 2020.

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- ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez-** See Town Manager Report
 - Mr. Perez reported that the work on the 8th Street extension began today.
 - The Community Crossing Grant recipients will be announced on April 10.
 - The work on Main Street has begun and the detours are in place.
 - Superintendent Wallace and Mr. Perez are conducting interviews for the open labor position.
 - The Housing Study that was talked about at previous meetings has been completed. This is a requirement for the IFA Infrastructure Grant Application

Action Items:

- ❖ Resolution 3-2024, Re-establishing of the CCD Tax Rate
 - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher stated that the ordinance is to re-establish the CCD rate for the Town of Upland from its current rate of .0379% to .05%. .05% is the maximum amount allowed by the State. These funds are used for development and the purchase of capital assets.
 - Councilman Sutherland would like to take a stepped approach to this increase. 4% for 2025 and 5% for 2026 and beyond.
 - A motion to pass the 1st reading of Resolution 3-2024 was made by Ron Sutherland, seconded by Michael Harbin, Approved by a vote of 3-0
- ❖ Ryan Mallot, Grant County Area Plan, presented Ordinance 8-2024 that would amend the land use table to make mobile homes eligible to be placed in mobile home parks. A motion was made to approve the 1st reading of this ordinance with the understanding that more research be done for the next reading by Ron Sutherland, seconded by Michael Harbin, approved with a vote of 3-0
- ❖ Ryan Mallot also presented Ordinance 9-2024, Pond Ordinance. There is currently not a pond ordinance in place for Grant County for properties under three acres. Current ponds are grandfathered in. A motion to pass the 1st reading of Ordinance 9-2024 was made by Michael Harbin, seconded by Ron Sutherland, approved by a vote of 3-0.

Public Comments:

- ❖ Ryan Mallot reminded the council that Upland currently does not have a representative on the Area Plan Board.
- ❖ Katie Kabel was introduced as the new code enforcement officer for Grant County Area Plan. A list of properties in our area that are on their violation list was handed out to council members.

Council Reports:

- ❖ **Amy McCrea-** Absent
- ❖ **Michael Harbin** – Nothing to report
- ❖ **Ron Sutherland-** Nothing to report
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore-** Thank you again to Kenny Duncan for his service. Any issues community members have can be emailed to info@uplandindiana.com.

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ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

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

ATTEST: _____
Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED: _____
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

* Minutes could not be approved by council due to lack of a quorum of eligible voters.

Mary Fletcher
Clerk Treasurer
4/16/24

Town Manager Report

4/2/2024

1. Infrastructure Projects

- a. Indiana Street Extension and South Street
 - i. Staging and survey work has begun

2. Community Crossings

- a. Announced at Road School last week that they anticipated to announce with two weeks: meaning this week or next.

3. Mainstreet

- a. Detours and staging for phase 1 on the south end has begun.
- b. Phase 1 South end to Payne rd 4/1/24 to 9/14/24*
- c. Phase 2 Payne rd to Indiana ave. 4/1/25 to 8/28/25*
- d. Phase 3A Indiana ave to bridge (NB) 4/1/24 to 5/14/24*
- e. Phase 3B Indiana ave to bridge (SB) 5/15/24 to 6/26/24*
- f. Phase 4 Bridge to North end 6/27/24 to 11/22/24*

*Subject to Change Per INDOT

4. Storm Water Project

- a. Restoration Items are still being identified.

5. HR

- a. Conducting interviews for labor positions .

6. Housing Study

- a. 181 to 226 rental apartments
- b. 34 to 43 for-sale condominiums
- c. 43 to 54 new for-sale rowhouses

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- d. 79 to 119 for-sale single-family detached houses
 - e. Per year for the next 5 years.
7. Project Issuance Research Ongoing