

Upland Town Council Minutes: July 18, 2023

Opening Remarks:

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on July 18, 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, Matt Voss and Brian Hunt.

Meeting minutes from June 20, 2023 were approved. Council did not meet on July 4, 2023 due to the Independence Day Holiday. 1st- Warren Ross, 2nd-Heath Slain; Approved with a vote of 5-0.

Department Reports:

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

- Marshal Cassidy presented the June case list.
- It was reported that there was a report of theft at the soft ball tournament over the past weekend.
- Marshal is coordinating with Gas City for active shooter training.

❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department- Not Present**

❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Hammond**

- Mrs. Hammond presented a Petition to Vacate Portions of Public Alleyways between Indiana Ave and South Street and South Street and an undeveloped street. Property would be turned over to ABJJ Investment, LLC for maintenance. A favorable recommendation was made. 1st- Heath Slain, 2nd- Matt Voss, Approved 5-0 vote.
- Resolution 1-2023, Resolution accepting donation and transfer of real property from Taylor University, Inc to the Town of Upland was presented to the council for approval. This resolution would transfer a parcel of land encompassing the Canoe Trail Head (see attached for legal description). This property was purchased by Taylor University with Grant proceeds from Ball Foundation. Vote to pass Resolution 1-2023. 1st- Warren Ross, 2nd- Brian Hunt, Approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Adrienne Rines Hammond presented a modified scope of project between INDOT and the Town of Upland for the SR22 project. This agreement modified the project costs which will add \$7,726 in costs for the Town of Upland. A favorable recommendation by the council to accept this modification was approved with a 5-0 vote with 1st by Heath Slain and a 2nd by Brian Hunt.

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

- The June APV Register and Allowance Docket reports were presented to the council for approval of expenditures. 1st- Matt Voss, 2nd- Warren Ross. Approve by 5-0 vote.

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- Mrs. Fletcher reported that there is a scheduled meeting on July 21 with Steve Dalton of Cender Dalton to begin putting together the 2024 budget.

❖ Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez

- Mr. Perez presented three quotes for a new digital sign in front of the firestation. He recommended ADM Custom Creation because of their customer service and price. Clerk-treasurer recommended that the \$33,955 cost would be paid from the Riverboat Fund. Councilman Sutherland asked who would be authorized to update the sign. Mr. Perez answered that it will mainly be the clerk-treasurer but the utility clerk and town manager will also have access for emergencies. The council approved the purchase of the sign. 1st- Heath Slain, 2nd- Matt Voss. Approved by a vote of 5-0
- One unit of the AC in the Star Bank building is not functioning and needs to be replaced. We received two bids to replace the unit. The lowest bid was from Brian Holtzleiter for \$7,000. Mr. Perez asked for a favorable approval to replace the broken AC Unit. 1st-Warren Ross, 2nd- Heath Slain, Approved- 5-0 vote
- Mr. Perez reported that there was a mistake at the Grant County Assessor's office and the new properties on 8th Street are not currently on our tax rolls. He is working with the County to fix this problem.
- There has been a delay in the equipment for Live Streaming. We are working with our representative to get delivery status.
- A crew will be working on cleaning up sidewalks and streets on Main Street
- The Grant County Commissioners are asking for a letter of favorable support for the NearSpace Educational Project.
- Project Reports:
 - Due to the high pressure necessary to refill the north water tower, there have been several water line leaks and breaks. Utility workers are working to fix these issues.
 - Mr. Perez is working with BUNN to resolve customer property complaints relating to the Jefferson Street Stormwater Project
 - Chris, Commonwealth Engineering, presented his monthly update on all of the current projects.
 - A Notice to Proceed on the SR22 Water Main Relocation project was presented to council to be signed by Council President, Ron Sutherland. Project is projected to begin on September 11, 2023.
 - A plan to pursue an Asset Management Plan for the sewer system was discussed. This plan would include the life expectancy of sewer system equipment and supplies. The estimated fee for the plan would be \$45,600.
- Mr. Perez reported that he will be attending the AIM Conference on Aug 24, 2023

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- Grant County Council has voted twice to withdraw funding for Grant County Growth Council.

Public Comments:

- ❖ Steve Lhamon, 678 Oak Court
 - Asked for an update on the Noise Ordinance. Attorney Hammond responded that she is doing research on this subject and is working on writing the ordinance. Councilman Sutherland asked if we can try to have a Noise Ordinance presented by September 1.
 - Mr. Lhamon for the speed limit sign to be replaced on his street. Jonathan is ordering a new sign.
 - He also expressed concern about people parking in front of the dance studio on Washington Street
- ❖ Shawn Sizemore, 1158 Bluebird Lane
 - Mr. Sizemore and Amy McCrea are running unopposed for open Town Council seats. They are requesting that the current council not make any major decisions or changes but allow the incoming council members to make those decisions.
- ❖ Stephanie Tremelli, 962 S. Main Street
 - Concerned about the amount of water consumption showing on her bill. She says that there is no way they are using the amount stated on the bill. CT Mary Fletcher said that the office would send someone out to check for a leak.

Action Items:

N/A

Council Reports:


- ❖ **Brian Hunt-** Nothing to report
- ❖ **Matt Voss-** Nothing to report
- ❖ **Heath Slain** – Thank you to Upland Farmers Market for hold the Touch-A-Truck event on Friday, July 14
- ❖ **Warren Ross** - Our Town Upland will meet this week and will be working on plans for the Fall Festival.
- ❖ **Ron Sutherland-** Nothing to report

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next regular Council Meeting will be held August 1, 2023 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST: 
Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED: 
COUNCIL PRESIDENT