

Upland Town Council Minutes: June 20, 2023

Opening Remarks:

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on June 20, 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 6, 2023 were approved. 1st- Heath Slain, 2nd-Brian Hunt;
Approved with a vote of 5-0.

Department Reports:

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**
 - Marshal Cassidy reported that the PD has been focusing on training minutes with his officers.
 - It was reported that there has been no issues with thefts over the over few weeks and that the Upland Pharmacy case has been taken over by the DEA

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

- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Hammond**
 - Mrs. Hammond is continuing to work on updating the current Golf Cart Ordinance. She needs feedback from the council concerning changes they would like to see in the new ordinance. The 2nd reading is scheduled for the July 18 meeting.
 - She is also working on a Noise Ordinance and researching what other communities use. She suggested a broader Nuisance Ordinance. Councilman Sutherland asked if the town has a Nuisance Ordinance. Yes, the current Nuisance Ordinance is not specific and has the bare minimum needed.

- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
 - The May APV and Allowance Docket reports were presented to the council for approval of expenditures. 1st- Heath Slain, 2nd- Warren Ross. Approve by 5-0 vote.
 - Mrs. Fletcher reported that she will be attending the SBOA school on June 27-28.

- ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez**
 - Mr. Perez reported that we are still waiting on sound equipment to be delivered for livestream service. The equipment is expected to be delivered next week and we should have that set up by the next meeting in July.

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- Documents for the Main Street Project have been executed and we currently waiting on INDOT to execute the agreement
- The town was awarded more than \$560,000 from the Meijer Opioid lawsuit. We are working on getting an explanation of restrictions for the use of these funds.
- Thank you to the utility workers for their many hours worked to repair the water main break on Washington Street. This break was at the site where the old water tower used to be.
- We have received 3 quotes to replace the digital sign in front of the Fire Station. Funds have been identified to make this purchase. Those will be presented at the next meeting.

Public Comments:

- ❖ Steve Lhamon, 678 Oak Court,
 - Thank you for working on preparing a Noise Ordinance.
 - What are the procedures to get ordinances enforced? Specifically, the animal ordinance. There is an issue with neighbors dogs not being on a leash and the dogs getting loose. He does not want something bad to happen before something is done to take care of the problem. Marshal Cassidy encouraged Mr. Lhamon to visit the police station to discuss the issue.
- ❖ Brandon Pierceson, Nearspace Education
 - Mr. Pierceson presented a powerpoint updating the council on the STEM project and the development phases of the project.
 - On June 28 there will be a Community Forum held at the Upland Community Building at 7pm to discuss the status of the STEM project and to answer any questions the public may have about the project.
 - In April, 2024, Upland will be in the direct path of the total solar eclipse. There will be a huge influx of visitors to Upland on that day.

Action Items:

N/A

Council Reports:

- ❖ **Brian Hunt-** Nothing to report
- ❖ **Matt Voss-** Thank you to the 26 volunteers that came to finish the mulching project at the park.
- ❖ **Heath Slain** – Nothing to report
- ❖ **Warren Ross** -
 - He mentioned a concern brought to his attention by John Bruner, 595 S. Eighth Street. The road is buckling in front of his home. There is a need to evaluate the condition of that road.
- ❖ **Ron Sutherland-** Nothing to report

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ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm

The next regular Council Meeting will be held July 18, 2023 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST: 
Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED: 
COUNCIL PRESIDENT