

Upland Town Council Minutes: June 6, 2023

Opening Remarks:

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session following the Unsafe Building Meeting on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Council President, Ron Sutherland.

In attendance were Ron Sutherland, Warren Ross, Heath Slain, Matt Voss and Brian Hunt.

Meeting minutes from May 16, 2023 were approved. 1st- Warren Ross, 2nd-Brian Hung; Approved with a vote of 4-0 with Matt Voss abstaining.

Department Reports:

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**
 - Marshal Cassidy reported that the PD is increasing checks on the Community Building and Park Restrooms and vandalism has been down over the past few weeks.
 - Marshal Cassidy presented the May Incident Report and compared totals with April's totals. The amount of incidents was down in May. Traffic stops are up in May.
 - He also reported that the following ideas are being explored:
 - Cameras at Community Building
 - Speed Radar Sign
 - Hiring of a 5th officer. Councilman Ross offered help with drafting a proposal for the 5th officer.

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

- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Hammond**
 - Mrs. Hammond presented an updated amendment to the current Golf Cart Ordinance. This amendment would expand the use of UTVs and change the annual fee. Councilman Voss asked if there should be something added to restrict the use of UTVs in inclement weather.
 - A motion was made to approve the 1st reading of the proposed ordinance. 1st- Heath Slain, 2nd- Matt Voss, Approved by 5-0 vote.
 - Mrs. Hammond also discussed the proposal from Ice Miller to complete the Rebate Reporting on our Sewer SRF Loan. Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher, agreed to look into this further.

- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
 - The April APV and Allowance Docket reports were presented to the council for approval of expenditures. 1st- Warren Ross, 2nd- Brian Hunt. Approve by 5-0 vote.

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- ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez**
 - See attached report
 - Mr. Jeremy Hardy, Commonwealth Engineering, gave an update on the projects underway in town.
 - WWTP Project- Bowen is ahead of schedule. New estimated date of completion is now November, 2023 instead of March, 2024.
 - North Lift Station- They are opening up bids for this project at the end of June.
 - Jefferson St. Stormwater Project- Presented map of current work by BUNN
 - SR 22 Project- INDOT is working on ordering supplies
 - Spencer Ave Stormwater Project- Commonwealth is working with Yardberry on this project.
 - Commonwealth will be sending out a flier to each resident to collect data on copper and metal piping in town.

Public Comments:

- ❖ Dr. Michael Lindsay, Taylor University President
 - Mr. Lindsay expressed his appreciation for the town and gave \$100K towards the Main Street Project. He listed many ways TU has donated to the Town of Upland in the past. He spoke about how TU wants to help with housing and expansion of Upland.
- ❖ Esther Harbin, 629 W. South Street
 - Mrs. Harbin thanked the council for their service and the town employees work on Jefferson Park.
 - She also had a question about if the town charges the farmer's market a fee to use Depot Park for their weekly market.

Action Items:

N/A

Council Reports:

- ❖ **Brian Hunt-** Nothing to report
- ❖ **Matt Voss-** Parks Board continues to work on beautification of the parks. Additional mulch has been ordered.
- ❖ **Heath Slain** – Thanked the Upland Library for Summer Children's Programming
- ❖ **Warren Ross -**
 - Our Town Upland Board will be meeting on June 7 at 6:00pm at the TU Student Union.

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➤ Wall of Honor Ceremony will be held on June 10 at 11:00AM at Depot Park

❖ **Ron Sutherland-**

➤ There will be an Executive Session held on June 20, 2023 and July 18, 2023 at 6:00pm to discuss employment issues

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

The next regular Council Meeting will be held June 20, 2023 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:


Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:


COUNCIL PRESIDENT