

Upland Town Council Minutes: March 19, 2024

Opening Remarks :

The Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on March 19, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Ron Sutherland.

In attendance were Ron Sutherland, Amy McCrea, Shawn Sizemore, and Michael Harbin. Brian Hunt was absent.

Opening Business:

Councilman Sutherland asked for a motion to approve the March 5, 2024 Council Meeting minutes. Motion was made by Shawn Sizemore, seconded by Michael Harbin. Minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Department Reports:

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**
 - Marshal Cassidy reported that he has researched the parking ordinance for the corner of Washington Street and Main Street. He needs to amend the ordinance to have better defined parking parameters for the block east of Main Street on Washington Street. Councilman Sutherland asked for Marshal Cassidy to work on that for the next meeting.

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

- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Rines Hammond**
 - Attorney Hammond continues to work on the annexation. There are still a few property owners that have not responded. We will work to contact those owners.

- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
 - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher presented the February APV Register and Allowance Docket along with the February Fund Report for the approval of the council. A motion was made by Michael Harbin to approve February expenditures, seconded by Amy McCrea. Approved by a vote of 4-0.
 - The Clerk-Treasurer will be on vacation the week of March 25-29.

- ❖ **Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez- See Town Manager Report**
 - Mr. Perez asked the council if they would be in favor of a rededication event for the new Wastewater Plant. The council is in favor of this.
 - It was reported that BUNN is still working on resident repairs and clean up.

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- Mr. Perez informed the council that the Eastbrook Middle School Baseball Team has expressed interest in using the Babe Ruth field for practice. The town will be helping them clean up the field.
- It was reported that the bridge on 700 S is legally considered a structure and not a bridge so the town is required to maintain it. It is in disrepair. The quote to repair the structure is \$72,350.
- Mr. Perez reported on Bill HR 1121 which passed on March 15, 2024 by the state legislature. Within this bill was wording that would take part of our LIT funds and give them to Grant County to use as they see fit. Councilmembers asked how the council can take a stand against this legislation? How can we inform the public about this? Is there any legal repercussion? Do we need to have a discussion on the tax caps with the public?
- Councilman Sutherland asked for a report on the meeting with Dan and Janet Smith. Mr. Perez reported that the town is going to get a quote on the extension of 5th Street. Councilman Harbin reported that the meeting went well and both families involved are cooperative. The Smiths will donate the right away to extend the street.

Action Items:

- ❖ Ordinance 5-2024, Water Rate Ordinance
 - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher stated that the following changes had been made to the Ordinance since the last reading on March 5:
 - Policy was added to the meter deposit section regarding the crediting of the meter deposits to homeowners after 12 months of on time payments.
 - Also added a policy on the transfer of meter deposits to a new property.
 - Billing date was added to the Fire Protection section for hydrant and sprinkler charges.
 - A motion was made to approve Ordinance 5-2024 by Michael Harbin, seconded by Shawn Sizemore, Ordinance was approved by a vote of 3-0-1, with Councilman Sutherland abstaining.
- ❖ Ordinance 6-2024, Water and Sewer Annual Rate Increase Ordinance.
 - A motion was made to approve Ordinance 6-2024 by Shawn Sizemore, seconded by Amy McCrea, Ordinance was passed by a vote of 4-0.

Public Comments: None

Council Reports:

- ❖ **Amy McCrea**- Nothing to report
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore**- Nothing to report
- ❖ **Michael Harbin** – Nothing to report
- ❖ **Brian Hunt** - Absent
- ❖ **Ron Sutherland**- Nothing to report

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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 2, 2024 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST: _____ SIGNED: _____
Mary Fletcher(Clerk Treasurer) COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Town Manager Report

3/19/2024

1. Infrastructure Projects

a. Indiana Street Extension and South Street

- i. To begin no later than March 25th.

2. Community Crossings

a. Anticipating a mid April announcement.

3. Mainstreet

a. Insertion Valves work is ongoing

- i. Yardberry and Commonwealth are coordinating with INDOT per EDA

Agreement between Taylor and Town of Upland

- 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. Sewer Project

a. Project is almost completed.

b. Council Tours?

5. Storm Water Project

a. Restoration Items are still being identified.

b. Continue to let us know if there are any issues.

6. Babe Ruth Field

a. Request from Eastbrook Middle School Team for practice.

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7. HR

- a. The Town is still accepting applications for the Laborer position and will begin scheduling interviews soon.
- b. Chris and Owen have taken their written tests and we are coordinating getting their physicals and driving exams scheduled for their CDL's.

8. 700 E Structure

- a. Debco Metal Culverts Quote: \$72,350

9. HR 1121 Update:

- a. Eliminates current special purpose fund.