

Upland Town Council Minutes: August 20, 2024

Opening Remarks :

The Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on August 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Shawn Sizemore.

In attendance were Shawn Sizemore, Amy McCrea, Michael Harbin, Brad Yordy, and Heath Slain.

Opening Business:

Heath Slain was welcomed back to town council. He was caucussed in on August 14 for the 3rd district.

Councilman Sizemore asked for nominations for the open Vice President position. A motion was made to elect Brad Yordy as Vice President of the Town Council by Michael Harbin, seconded by Amy McCrea. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0, Yordy abstaining.

Councilman Sizemore asked for a motion to approve the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes.. Motion was made by Brad Yordy, seconded by Amy McCrea. Minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0. Heath Slain Abstained

Department Reports:

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy- Not Present**
- ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department - Not Present**
- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Rines Hammond**
 - Update on Annexation- Still waiting on one more signature for the voluntary annexation. Councilman Yordy and Jonathan Perez are working on this.
 - Update on Canoe Trail Transfer- The deed will be sent to Councilman Sizemore and Jonathan Perez to review before filing.
 - 1st Reading of Ordinance 12-2024- Re Establishing of Redevelopment Commission. Motion to pass was made by Michael Harbin, seconded by Brad Yordy, Passed by a vote of 5-0
 - 1st Reading of Ordinance 13-2024- Establishing a Redevelopment Authority. Motion to pass was made by Michael Harbin, seconded by Amy McCrea, Passed by a vote of 5-0
 - Appointees for the RDA and RDC need to be made by the next reading.
 - Councilman Sizemore asked when the annexation would be complete once the last signature is received. Attorney Hammond said that it should be complete by the end of the year.
- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
 - July, 2024 APV Register, Allowance Docket and Fund Report were presented to council members for approval. A motion was made by Amy McCrea to approve, seconded by Brad Yordy, Passed by a vote of 5-0.

Town Manager Report

08/20/2024

Community Crossings

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Mainstreet Mile

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Commonwealth Projects

All Commonwealth-related projects are progressing as scheduled. Notably, we are conducting a survey at the North Lift Station project site to resolve a discrepancy related to property boundaries.

Administrative/Utilities/Street/Park

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