

Upland Town Council Minutes: February 18, 2025

Opening Remarks :

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on February 19, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Council President, Shawn Sizemore following the Unsafe Building Meeting.

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

Opening Business:

February 4, 2025 meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made by Brad Yordy and seconded by Heath Slain to approve the presented meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Department Reports:

❖ Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy

- Marshal Cassidy reported the Officer Herschell has turned in his 2 week notice. His last day in Upland will be February 23. The Marshal will be working to hire someone quickly to replace Herschell.
- Councilman Sizemore asked if Herschell signed a contract with the town when hired? Marshal Cassidy said he did not sign a contract.

❖ Upland Volunteer Fire Department - Not Present

❖ Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Rines Hammond

- Attorney Hammond stated that she has sent the annexation documents to Jonathan Perez and Shawn Sizemore for approval.
- Councilman Sizemore stated that the council would like the annexation filing to be complete by the end of March.
- Attorney Hammond reported that she has researched how to file ordinance violations with the court. It is best to file as many together as possible so that the court dates are together.

❖ Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher

- Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher presented the January, 2025 APV Register, Allowance Docket, Fund Report and Appropriation Report. A motion was made to approve these reports by Heath Slain, seconded by Michael Harbin. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- Mrs. Fletcher noted that PERF has now been fully set up with INSPRS
- She informed the council that she will be at the ILMCT conference for the March 18 meeting.

❖ Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez

- Jeremy Hardy, Commonwealth Engineering, reported that there is \$1,000,000+ left in SRF Funds. A list of items that these funds could be used towards include:
 - Wastewater Equipment barn - Est. Cost \$500,000

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- Additional upgrades to North Lift Station
- Sewer Connections
- Digester and chemical feed rehab evaluation
- Sewage issues east of Main Street
- Mr. Hardy is asking for council's approval to amend the SRF agreement to add these items. A motion was made to approve this request by Michael Harbin, seconded by Heath Slain, approved by a vote of 4-0
- Mr. Hardy presented Task Order No. 2025-01 for North Lift Station Building Improvements. Total of task order is \$85,500 for engineering costs plus an additional estimated \$100,000 in labor and supplies. A motion was made to approve Task Order 2025-01 by Heath Slain, seconded by Brad Yordy, Approved by a vote of 4-0.
- Task Order 2025-02 for Cross Connection Elimination was then presented by Mr. Hardy. The engineering cost for this project is not to exceed \$133,800. The additional estimated cost for labor and materials is \$270,000-\$300,000. A motion was made to approve Task Order 2025-02 by Heath Slain, seconded by Brad Yordy, Approved by a vote of 4-0.
- Mr. Perez asked for council's approval to advertise an RFP-Q for the construction of the Wastewater Barn. A motion was made to approve the request by Michael Harbin, seconded by Heath Slain. Approved by a vote of 4-0.
 - Councilman Sizemore asked what the approximate size of the barn they want to construct. Mr. Perez said 4,000 square feet.
- Mr. Perez asked for recommendations for planning appointments.
- He reported that the CCMG projects are scheduled to commence in the Spring, 2025.
- INDOT would like to close Railroad Street to Main Street due to liability.
 - Councilman Yordy asked how this would affect businesses? Could a meeting be set up with INDOT?

Action Items:

Public Comments:

Council Reports:

- ❖ **Heath Slain**- Thank you to the town employees for their help with a sewer issue.
- ❖ **Michael Harbin**- Nothing
- ❖ **Amy McCrea** – Absent
- ❖ **Brad Yordy** - Nothing to report
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore** - Thank you to town employees for their hard work.

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held March 4, 2025 at 6:30pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:


Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:


COUNCIL PRESIDENT