

## **Upland Town Council Minutes: February 4, 2025**

### **Opening Remarks :**

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on February 4, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM by Council President, Shawn Sizemore following the Unsafe Building Meeting.

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

### **Opening Business:**

January 7, 2025 meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made by Michael Harbin and seconded by Heath Slain to approve the presented meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

### **Department Reports:**

- ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**
  - Marshal Cassidy presented the January, 2025 report. There were 494 calls, 85 traffic stops, and 13 tickets issued in January.
  - Marshal Cassidy has been working on updating the procedure for issuing the Golf Cart permits. Vehicle inspection and proof of insurance will be a requirement.
  
- ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department - Not Present**
  
- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Rines Hammond**
  - Attorney Hammond presented the annexation petition for the homes on 8th Street. A motion was made to approve the annexation petition and proceed with the voluntary annexation process by Heath Slain, seconded by Michael Harbin, Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
  - Titlework is complete on the Canoe Trail and the deed has been sent to council to review.
  
- ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**
  - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher presented the December, 2024 APV Register, Allowance Docket, Fund Report and Appropriation Report. It was noted that the General Fund ended the year \$9,950 under budget and the water fund, although still in the negative, has gained ground for the positive over the past year. A motion was made to approve these reports by Amy McCrea, seconded by Heath Slain. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
  - Each council member along with the Clerk-Treasurer and Town Manager need to complete the Annual Conflict of Interest Form.
  - Mrs. Fletcher noted that this month's utility bills were estimated due to snow covering meters.
  - Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher addressed posts made on Facebook and comments made to the Utility Clerk recently, suggesting that the town's finances are being mismanaged. She stressed that all financial

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information is open for review by the public and she would be happy to sit down with any resident with questions or concerns.

### **❖ Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez**

- Mr. Perez reported that INDOT has asked that Railroad Street be made one way and that the town vacate the east side of Railroad Street due to safety concerns with traffic coming over the bridge on SR22. This is something the council will need to discuss.
- Mr. Perez presented an EDA agreement and Hold Harmless agreement to transfer property from the Greenway Association to the Town of Upland. A motion was made to give Mr. Perez authorization to sign needed documentation to transfer the property by Brad Yordy, Seconded by Michael Harbin, Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
- The Historical Society and Park Board are exploring options for the caboose at Depot Park. The caboose is in disrepair and needs major rehabilitation or needs to be removed. Mr. Perez will bring options to the council. Councilman Sizemore stated that there needs to be signage on the caboose to reduce liability. A motion was made to explore all option was made by Michael Harbin, seconded by Amy McCrea, Motion carried by a vote of 5-0
- Mr. Perez asked for council's approval to continue to be the town representative to the East Central Indiana Regulatory Planning District. He has served in this capacity for the past 7 years. A motion was made to approve this request by Michael Harbin, seconded by Heath Slain, approved by a vote of 5-0.
- Ordinance 1-2025 - Establishing an advisory plan commission was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve this ordinance by Brad Yordy, seconded by Amy McCrea, approved by vote of 5-0.
- Jeremy Hardy , Commonwealth Engineer, gave his monthly update. See attached report.
  - The North Lift Station project is nearly complete. Only restoration items to complete in the spring.
  - Jefferson Street Stormwater project should also be finished in the spring
  - The Wastewater SRF Project came in \$1,000,000 under budget. They are working on a list of other projects that need to be done to use these funds.
  - Approval is needed to purchase an additional pump at a reduced price. The purchase price is \$26,250. This would be paid from SRF funds. A motion was made by Brad Yordy to approve this purchase, seconded by Michael Harbin. Motion approved by a vote of 5-0.

### **Action Items:**

### **Public Comments:**

- ❖ Darci Nukkula- Greenway Association, asked if it is possible to put in a safe walking space from Main Street along Jefferson for students to walk to school? Could a sidewalk be added between the 2 Jefferson Streets? She also reported that they are trying to find a way to pave the trail along

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8th Street from Berry Avenue to Reade Avenue. The Town Manager replied that they will look into these requests.

**Council Reports:**

- ❖ **Heath Slain**- Nothing to Report
- ❖ **Michael Harbin**- Councilman Harbin reported that he has attended several meeting this past month for local groups such as Our Town Upland, Garden Club and an umbrella meeting for all non profits
- ❖ **Amy McCrea** –Nothing to Report
- ❖ **Brad Yordy** - Nothing to report
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore** - Nothing to report

**ADA/Title 6 Concerns:** Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held February 18, 2025 at 6:30pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT