

Upland Town Council Minutes: June 4, 2024

Opening Remarks :

The Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on June 4, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Council President, Shawn Sizemore following the Unsafe Building Meeting.

In attendance were Shawn Sizemore, Brian Hunt, Amy McCrea, Michael Harbin and Brad Yordy.

Opening Business:

Councilman Sizemore asked for a motion to approve the May 21, 2024 meeting minutes.. Motion was made by Michael Harbin, seconded by Brad Yordy. Minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

Department Reports:

❖ Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy

- Marshal Cassidy reported that there were 607 calls in the month of May with 76 traffic stops and 21 citations with one of those being a felony arrest.
- Marshal Cassidy announced that the department will be demoing body cam equipment from Axon over the next month and will be getting a quote for body cams.
 - Councilman Yordy asked if additional equipment will be needed for the system. Marshal replied that no additional equipment would be needed.
 - Councilman Sizemore if this system is cloud based. Yes, it is cloud based for storage of footage.

❖ Upland Volunteer Fire Department - Not Present

❖ Upland Town Attorney, Bill Meyers in lieu of Adrienne Rines Hammond.

- Attorney Meyers reported that Ms.Hammond continues to work on the annexation. Certified letters were mailed to the property owners that have not responded to the voluntary annexation request.
- It was also reported that she continues to work with Will Hagan of Taylor University on the transfer of the Canoe Trail to the Town of Upland.

❖ Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher

- Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher reported that she is working with EXC, Inc. on our IT issues. The Clerk-Treasurer's computer crashed but all information has been recovered.

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- CT Fletcher also reported that she continues to be working with GoGov.com on the MyUplandIN app. It should be ready to be launched in June.

❖ Upland Town Manager, Jonathan Perez- See Town Manager Report

- ❖ Mr. Perez reported that we have 4 months to get the work under contract for CCMG.
- ❖ He will be meeting with INDOT and engineers on Thursday, June 6
- ❖ The internet has been installed so now we can work on the website, app and livestream. Thank you to Mary for helping on these projects.
- ❖ Annexation letters have been mailed certified
- ❖ The parking lot of Town Hall and Library will be resurfaced and sealed next week.
- ❖ Clerk-Treasure Fletcher and Jonathan met with Jeremy Hardy, Commonwealth Engineers and Steve Dalton, Cinder Dalton, to discuss a strategy to fund upcoming projects. A plan has been solidified. We will meet in an executive session to talk over the proposed redevelopment plan. We will have to set up a RDC and RDA
- ❖ Jeremy Hardy, Commonwealth Engineers gave his monthly report:
 - Yardberry is almost complete on the water main relocation project.
 - Bunn will come back in the fall to restore McCall's property on Main Street.
 - The drainage issue on North Street between 5th & 6th Street appears to be due to a ridge that is preventing water from getting to the proper drain. They will address this in the fall.
 - The drainage issue on Washington Street is part of the masterplan. A survey of the area is needed to ensure proper repair and to find out if this is a cross connection issue or a drainage issue. Then we will need to make a plan to fund the repair. It may be able to tied into the CCMG work. Survey should be completed by the end of July.
 - The WWTP has finished under budget. A change order was presented to the council to shift funds from inspection services to engineering services and RPR to construction engineering . A motion was made by Michael Harbin to accept this change order, seconded my Brian Hunt. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.
- ❖ Councilman Sizemore asked for more " no semi" signs to be put in place. Jonathan will follow up with INDOT about this request.
- ❖ Alex Reno, Park Board President gave a parks update:
 - Chad Yoder is now a member of the parks board. Chad led a disc golf tournament on June 1 and there were 40 participants in the tournament. They will use the proceeds to purchase more disc holes to expand the course.
 - The Park Board is considering changing the rental prices for the community building. This would add a ½ day rental price.

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- The Park Board has ordered new timer locks for the park restrooms and bike racks. They may need internet services at the community building.

Action Items:

Public Comments:

- ❖ Alex Reno, NearSpace Launch
Reported that NearSpace Education will be holding 4 weeks of space camps using grant funds.
Also the new official name of the park is "Dream Big Park"

Council Reports:


- ❖ **Brad Yordy**- Thank you to Alex and Chad for organizing the Disc Golf Tournament and thank you for your work on the Park Board.
- ❖ **Michael Harbin** - He attended the parks board meeting earlier and is impressed by their vision.
- ❖ **Amy McCrea**- Thank you Alex Reno for your work on the Park Board.
- ❖ **Brian Hunt** – Thank you to Alex for his work on the Park Board. Councilman Hunt asked if we could have a report from our APC and BZA representatives once a month. He also reported that roads are being blocked by utility companies. Jonathan Perez responded that we are doing the best to relay road closure when we become aware of them but we can't control AEP and Centerpoint and they are not obligated to notify us when they are going to close a road for utility work.
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore**- Welcomed Councilman Yordy to the Council. He stated that he is excited about the future of Upland. He introduced Daena Richmond as the new APC appointee for the Town of Upland. Thank you for serving.

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

The next regular Council Meeting will be held June 18, 2024 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:


Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:


COUNCIL PRESIDENT