

## Upland Town Council Minutes: July 1, 2025

### Opening Remarks :

The Town Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on July 1, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Council President, Shawn Sizemore.

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

### Opening Business:

May 20, 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 3-0.

### ❖ Department Reports:

#### ❖ **Upland Police Department, Marshal Andy Cassidy**

- Marshal Cassidy reported Touch-a-Truck will be July 11, 4-7 PM at Upland Park.
- June reports were presented to the council.
- Officer Jarret Emenhiser was sworn in and will be starting the academy in September.

#### ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department**

- Chief Gary Preston brought a proposal to purchase a rapid response vehicle. Currently, approximately 37% of the calls are for medical calls. This would save fuel costs and wear and tear on the Fire Trucks and also provide better service for our community. Cost of the vehicle will be approximately \$50,000.
- Councilman Sizemore asked if any grant funding has been sought for this purchase. Chief Preston said no there has not. They are seeking grant funding to outfit the vehicle with lights, ect.
- Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher asked if the townships would be willing to help with the cost? Chief Preston said that Jefferson Township just purchased a fire truck and he doesn't want to go back and ask for help with this. CT responded that we are going through budget cuts and would need to talk through how we could pay for another vehicle.

#### ❖ **Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher**

- Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher presented the May, 2025 APV Register, Allowance Docket, Fund Report and Appropriation Report for approval. A motion was made by Heath Slain to approve the May reports, seconded by Michael Harbin. Reports were approved by a vote of 3-0.
- Ordinance 3-2025, An Ordinance for Additional Appropriations for the 2025 Budget was presented to council. This ordinance was advertised on June 18, 2025. A motion was made to approve Ordinance 3-2025 by Michael Harbin, seconded by Heath Slain. Approved by a vote of 3-0.

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

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- Natalie, Commonwealth Engineers, presented their monthly report.
- Mr. Perez presented his report.
  - INDOT will be present for the July 29 Town Hall.
  - Mr. Perez is working with the Library and 1846 on the building purchase process
  - He is working with ESG on the meter system upgrade quotes
  - Mr. Perez is working on restructuring the work structure and budget for our employees. We have 6 works to cover 5 departments. He is also working on completing the updated Employee Handbook.
  - The update on the town masterplan has been put on hold until the 1846 projects get completed.
  - He has been working with Mr. Glancy at Grant County Area Plan on a plan to work together to transition things to the Upland Area Plan.
  - The CCMG project is supposed to start next week. This is the South Street Extension. Trying to include Jefferson and 5th Street Extension with that work.

### Action Items:

- ❖ Alex Reno, Park Board President, would like to create an “adopt-a-area” program to gather volunteers to help with park upkeep and gardening.

### Public Comments:

- ❖ Don Curry, 1421 Valhalla,
  - Thank you to Marshal Cassidy for getting the field behind his property mowed.
  - There are still road cuts at 8th Street and Berry Avenue that need attention.
  - Also need some pot holes filled on 600 S. past 8th Street
  - Mr. Perez responded that they are working on road patching.

### Council Reports:

- ❖ **Heath Slain**- Nothing to report
- ❖ **Michael Harbin**- UCC held a Service Day on June 28 that had 140 volunteers that worked around the Upland Community.
- ❖ **Amy McCrea** –Absent
- ❖ **Brad Yordy** - Absent
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore** - Thank you to our employees for dedication and hard work.

ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM  
The next regular Council Meeting will be held July 15, 2025 at 6:30pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT