

Upland Town Council Minutes:October 1, 2024

Opening Remarks :

The Council of the Town of Upland met in a regular session on October 1, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Shawn Sizemore.

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

Public 2025 Budget Hearing

- ❖ Public Comments
 - Stephani Tramelli asked how revenue is estimated and who controls the property taxes. She was advised to contact her state senator.
- ❖ A motion was made by Heath Slain to approve the 1st reading of the 2025 Budget. Motion was seconded by Michael Harbin. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Opening Business:

Councilman Sizemore asked for a motion to approve the September 17, 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**
 - 474 total calls in September, only a few were actual criminal in nature.
- ❖ **Upland Volunteer Fire Department -**
 - Chief Bruce Howard presented an annual equipment report.
 - UVFD received a \$50,000 Grant from IDHS for equipment.
 - Chief Howard reported that he will be retiring his position as of 11/06/24.
- ❖ **Upland Town Attorney, Adrienne Rines Hammond**
 - Update on Annexation- Still waiting on one more signature for the voluntary annexation. This should be completed by 10/31/2024.
 - Update on Canoe Trail Transfer- The deed will be sent to Councilman Sizemore and Jonathan Perez to review before filing.
 - Public Hearing on Ordinance 14-2024, Bond Proceed Appropriations. No public comments were made. A motion was made by Michael Harbin to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 14-2024, seconded by Heath Slain, motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.
 - 1st reading of Ordinance 15-2024, Approval for the issuance of a revenue bond. A motion was made by Michael Harbin, seconded by Brad Yordy, motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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❖ Upland Clerk-Treasurer, Mary Fletcher

- CT reported that the audit was completed on September 18 with an Exit Conference. That audit is available for review at www.in.gov/sboa. The cost of was approximately \$52,000
- Clerk-Treasurer Fletcher presented the August APV Register, Allowance Docket, and Fund report for approval by council. A motion was made by Heath Slain to approve these reports, seconded by Michael Harbin, Approved by a vote of 5-0.
- CT requested the approval to pay an outstanding invoice for Commonwealth's work on the Jefferson Street Stormwater Project from ARP Funds. The outstanding balance is \$4,724.90. A motion was made to approve the payment by Brad Yordy, seconded by Michael Harbin, Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.
- The new website is scheduled to go live on October 10, 2024
- Upland Trick-or-Treat hours will be on October 31, 5-8pm.

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

- Working to finalize the start date of the CCMG Project.
- Commonwealth requested an amendment to the task order to increase their contract to \$35,519 on the SR 22 Water Main Relocation project. INDOT will be paying for this increase. Commonwealth is helping with utility work related to the SR22 project. Motion was made to approve this change by Michael Harbin, seconded by Brad Yordy. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
- Mr. Perez presented an agreement with Eastbrook for the use of the Babe Ruth Field for the Junior High Team. A motion was made to approve entering into this agreement by Michael Harbin, seconded by Amy McCrea. Approved by a vote of 5-0

Public Comments:

- ❖ Andrea Masvero, 1846 Enterprises, gave an update on the Main Street Mile Initiative.
 - SR22 should be open for the winter on October 31, weather permitting.
 - Beautification Grant applications have been distributed to residents that live in the defined area. The Deadline is December 16.

Council Reports:

- ❖ **Heath Slain**- Nothing to report
- ❖ **Michael Harbin** - Nothing to report
- ❖ **Amy McCrea**- Nothing to report
- ❖ **Brad Yordy**- Thank you to Chief Bruce Howard for his service on the UVFD. Also, Congratulations to Patient Pending on Grand Opening.
- ❖ **Shawn Sizemore**- Thank you to Bruce Howard for his leadership on the FD..

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ADA/Title 6 Concerns: Nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm

The next regular Council Meeting will be held October 15, 2024 at 7:00pm at Upland Town Hall.

ATTEST:


Mary Fletcher (Clerk Treasurer)

SIGNED:


COUNCIL PRESIDENT