

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 10, 2013

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday June 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Raymond Tackett, Michael Rohler and John Harshbarger were present. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson declared that a quorum of Council was present and that the meeting would continue.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council President Harshbarger opened a public hearing on the vacating of Columbia Street. Harshbarger explained that an ordinance would be presented later in the meeting to finalize the vacating of the street. With no public comment forthcoming, Harshbarger closed the public meeting.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:**

Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 2013 without any amendments or changes by unanimous vote. Minutes signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council President Harshbarger received three bids to demolish three homes in Andrews. All three structures have been damaged by fire. They are located at 273 W. Jefferson Street, 310 W. Monroe Street, and 336 W Monroe Street. The following bids were reviewed for consideration by the Council:

DIRT EXCAVATING -	273 W. Jefferson Street	\$3760
	310 W Monroe Street	\$6770
	336 W Monroe Street	\$6900
AMOR CONSTRUCTION	273 W Jefferson Street	\$7500
	310 W Monroe Street	\$9500
	336 W Monroe Street	\$11500
ZAHM EXCAVATING	273 W. Jefferson Street	\$3120
	310 W Monroe Street	\$4475
	336 W Monroe Street	\$5830

Council member Ray Tackett made a motion to accept Zahm Excavating bid for all three structures. The motion was seconded by Council member Rohler and accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Ned Grodrian, 463 N Market Street, inquired about the status of the vacating of Alabama Street between Market and Jackson Streets. He was informed that the Towns legal counsel will draw up a petition for the homeowners in the area to sign.

Council President Harshbarger reviewed a quote from Five Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment, LLC to provide the Town with five self-contained breathing apparatus units for \$26,740. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson inquired about notification and was informed that letters had been sent to other suppliers and a public notice had been posted in the newspaper. Harshbarger opened the sealed bid which had a cost proposal of \$26,740 for the five units. Council member Rohler made a motion to accept the quote, which was seconded by Council member Tackett and accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Council deferred a decision on a new compressor until after the first of the year to allow for funding to be available.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council President Harshbarger introduced Ordinance 2013-6 which would vacate Columbia Street east of Colorado Street. Council member Rohler made a motion to accept the ordinance which was seconded by Council member Tackett. The ordinance was passed on first read by a unanimous voice vote.

Council member Rohler made a motion to waive the rules to allow a second vote on the ordinance at the same meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Tackett and accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Council member Rohler made a motion to accept Ordinance 2013-6 on second read, which was seconded by Council member Tackett. The ordinance was adopted by a unanimous voice vote on second read.

Council President Harshbarger introduced Ordinance 2013-7, which updated the current nuisance ordinance. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson suggested that Council accept the ordinance with a few changes. Those changes included the changing of definition of "Owner" by replacing Andrews County Auditor with Huntington County Auditor. Johnson also requested that Section 92.03 be changed to allow for the Clerk-Treasurer to notify owners of the violations. Council member Rohler made a motion to accept the Ordinance with the changes which was seconded by Council member Tackett. The motion was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Council member Rohler made a motion to waive the rules to allow a second vote on the ordinance at the same meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Tackett and accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Council member Rohler made a motion to accept Ordinance 2013-7 with the stated changes which was seconded by Council member Tackett. The motion was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Town Marshall Curt Vanover had nothing at this time.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not in attendance.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson asked that the Council establish a special meeting for 5:00pm on June 24, 2013, one hour prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Johnson stated that the meeting was needed to start work on the 2014 budget. Council agreed to conduct the meeting at the time and date requested.

Johnson also presented the Council with an option to continue the Towns current employee health insurance for 2014. Due to the Affordable Care Act the Town will have to renew before January 1, 2014 to continue that policy. Anthem Insurance has offered to change the renewal date to December 1, 2013 so as to allow the Town to extend its current policy. Council decided to review other options before making a decision.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on the building repairs at the utility plants.

## **CLAIMS:**

All claims were approved as presented by a unanimous voice vote after a brief discussion.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council President Harshbarger discussed the removal of the old water tower. Harshbarger reminded the Council that they had received three quotes last year ranging from scrap value to \$39,000. Harshbarger recommended that the Council award the project to Iseler Demolition of Romeo, Michigan with a bid of \$12,600. Harshbarger stated that the firm will use a tower crane to remove the tower which is a superior method to cutting the legs and letting the tower fall. Council member Tackett made a motion to accept the quote from Iseler with the same bid price as they submitted last year. Council member Rohler seconded the motion which was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Harshbarger also requested that Council accept a quote from Stump Eliminator to remove 10 stumps that are on Town property. The quote was for \$1700. Council agreed to contract the firm to remove the stumps.

Council member Tackett inquired about water leaks in Town and was given an update by utility superintendent Bullock. Tackett also listed several road issues for the Town to consider repairing. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson informed the council member on the status of the radio read meter program. Tackett updated Council on the status of the planning for the Andrews Summer Festival scheduled for August 16-17. Tackett was also informed on the status of the new mower and the alley across from the Town Municipal Building. Council member Rohler expressed some concern over plans to mow the Fire Station lawn.

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
MICHAEL ROHLER COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
RAYMOND TACKETT COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON CLERK-TREASURER