

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 15, 2013

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday October 15, 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 and John Harshbarger were present. Council member Michael Rohler was not present. Clerk-Treasurer William Johnson declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:**

Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 23, 2013 and the executive session minutes of September 25, 2013 without any amendments or changes by unanimous vote. Minutes signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson presented Ordinance 2013-11 which would adopt the 2014 budget for the Town of Andrews and also presented Resolution 2013-6, an appropriation reduction resolution to reduce the appropriation in the CEDIT fund budget for 2013.

Council member Tackett made a motion to accept Resolution 2013-6, which was seconded by Council President Harshbarger and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Harshbarger introduced Ordinance 2013-11, the Towns 2014 Budget. Council member Tackett made a motion to accept Ordinance 2013-11 with Council President Harshbarger seconding the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote. Council President Harshbarger made a motion to consider the ordinance on second read at the same meeting which was seconded by Council member Tackett. Harshbarger reintroduced the ordinance. Council member Tackett made a motion to accept Ordinance 2013-11 on second read, seconded by Council President Harshbarger and adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Chuck Miller, 21 N Main Street, informed the Council that the Town will not have to assist in the demolition of his building. Miller indicated that he would keep Council updated on the process.

Vicki Harris, 760 N Colorado, updated Council on the status of the demolition of her residence. She stated that the structure has been leveled and they are in the process of acquiring dumpster to remove the debris. Council President Harshbarger asked her to keep the Council informed on the progress of not only removing the debris but also providing dirt and grass on the site.

Council President Harshbarger opened sealed bids for demolition work to be done at 165 W Jefferson Street and 760 N Colorado. Zahm Excavating bid \$4730 to demolish the house and out building at 165 W Jefferson Street. Lentz Enterprises Inc. bid \$5740 to demolish the house and out building at 165 W Jefferson Street and \$8950 to demolish the house and garage at 760 N Colorado Street. Dirt Inc. bid \$4200 to demolish the house and out building at 165 W Jefferson Street and \$4950 to demolish the house and garage at 760 N Colorado Street.

Council decided to table the bids on the Colorado Street to allow the homeowner time to complete the job herself.

After much discussion, Council member Tackett made a motion to accept the bid from Dirt Inc. to remove the house and out building at 165 W Jefferson Street. After being seconded by Council President Harshbarger, the motion was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Rick Wright of RLW Enterprises Inc. updated the Council on the electrical work that will be needed to provide electricity to the two pole barns at the end of Terrell Street. It is the hope of the Council that the buildings will provide needed storage space for the town's equipment.

Council member Tackett suggested that the Town explore installing a parking lot on the former water tower site to provide overflow parking for the elementary school. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson suggested that the Town contact the school board to determine if the two entities could reach an agreement on shared cost for the project.

Council discussed a proposed animal ordinance with Lori VanOver, Huntington County Animal Control Officer. Several changes were made to the draft of the ordinance. The Clerk-Treasurer will amend the draft and have those changes ready for council review at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Council President Harshbarger made a motion to accept the bid from M E Simpson for GIS location service for locating and mapping all of the Towns water valves and pipes. Utility Superintendent Bullock related that to repair minor leaks, he has to shut off water to most of the Town. After a brief discussion, Council President Harshbarger made a motion to accept the quote which was seconded by Council member Tackett and accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council decided to set Halloween hours from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Scott Wallace, McKeever Street, presented photos of the trash and safety issues on the Conrad property that borders his. Wallace stated that he has been trying to get several governmental agencies and boards to move on this situation. Council agreed with Mr. Wallace that something needs to be done to abate the problems that exist on the property.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Town Marshal VanOver informed Council that additional patrolman would be on duty for Halloween.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present. However, Council President Harshbarger updated Council and the group on the status of the current negotiations with the Huntington Township advisory board. The Township wants the Town to provide fire and medical runs to areas in that Township that borders Dallas Township. Harshbarger stated that there are several items in the agreement that he is not comfortable with. Council decided to explore the situation further to insure that if the Town does enter into an agreement with the Township, that the Town is not left unprotected or incur any additional cost.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson brought a request from Melissa Stephan for relief on her utility bill. A leak at her rental property has been repaired however the cost were spread over two months. She is asking the Council to waive the annual adjustment fee and allow her to adjust both months. Council approved the request.

Johnson also asked the Council to consider a fee structure for the use of the community building. He also informed residents that construction on the bridge north of town is commencing with blueprints available at Town Hall.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on his department's efforts to repair sidewalks in the community that were damaged by the removal of trees from them. Bullock also explained the problems with repairing the fire hydrant north of the railroad track on Market Street.

**CLAIMS:**

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

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

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