

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD DECEMBER 22, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, December 22, 2014, 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, John Harshbarger and Michael Rohler were present. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on December 8, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council member Tackett stated that INDOT will look at the tree line along North Main Street to determine what trees can be removed or cut back.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council was updated on the status of the new Town garage by Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock. Bullock and Council member Harshbarger both expressed disappointment in the pace of the progress of the construction.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson updated the Council on the status of the properties that the Town is hoping to sell. Johnson explained that the appraisals are in and he will work with legal counsel to work up a legal ad for prospective bidders. Johnson also reported that the paperwork on the Conrad property is now with the Town's legal counsel.

Council decided to extend to January 12th the deadline for the property at 21 South Maple Street to be in compliance with the code.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler introduced Ordinance 2014-16, An Ordinance Establishing Compensation of Elected Officials and Employees of the Town of Andrews for 2015. Council member Harshbarger made a motion to accept Ordinance 2014-16 which was seconded by Council member Tackett and passed by a unanimous voice vote. A unanimous vote allowed for the Ordinance to be considered for second read at the same meeting. Council member Harshbarger made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-16 which was seconded by Council member Tackett and adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

Council considered several resolutions that essentially reduced approved appropriations in the general, fire, cumulative fire, park, and cumulative capital fund. The reductions were necessary to move the 2015 budget forward. Council approved all five resolutions by unanimous roll call votes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal Van Juillerat presented the Council with information on a possible new vehicle for his department. The two options were discussed as well as how the Town would purchase the vehicle. Council requested that the Marshal move forward on the project.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present. Fireman Michael Young gave the Council an update on the training of the new firemen..

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson stated that he will be asking the Huntington County CEDIT Advisory Board for \$9,250 to repair the bridge over the county’s drainage ditch located at the David Shaw residence on North Colorado Street. Johnson also reminded Council that with the new year comes appointments to boards and commissions, election of officers, appointment of the Towns legal counsel and its meeting date schedule for next year.

Utility Superintendent, Collin Bullock updated the Council on the status of the garage and other issues involving his department. The Council also discussed the status of the planning grant which at this time is believed to have been approved with the Town waiting on the official notice before commencing the project.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council approved a request on behalf of the Lions Club to donate to their prize money for the best Christmas decorated home in the community.

Cheryl Chopson reported that residents in her area of town are experiencing sewer smell in their homes. The utility superintendent will look into the problem.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED BY _____ as
MICHAEL ROHLER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
RAYMOND TACKETT COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON CLERK-TREASURER