

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 23, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on May 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members John Harshbarger, Bonnie Walker and William Johnson were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Council President Harshbarger opened a public hearing on Ordinance 2016-2, an Ordinance to Re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. The ordinance reestablishes the rate at .05 per \$100 of Net assessed value of property. Harshbarger read the ordinance with Council member Johnson explaining the increase to residents. The proposed increase will allow the Town to increase its current rate of .02 per \$100/AV. This increase will result in an increase in the total annual revenue to the Town of approximately \$2800.

Ray Tackett questioned the increased fees of the assessor's office as it relates to this increase. Julie Newsome, who works in the assessor's office, explained that increase which does not affect the current ordinance.

Without any further comments, a motion was made to close the public hearing which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 9, 2016 and special meeting minutes of May 13 and May 16, 2016. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote and signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Harshbarger introduced Ordinance 2016-2, an Ordinance to Re-Establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. A motion to accept the ordinance was made by Council member Johnson, seconded by Council member Walker and passed with a unanimous voice vote. Council member Johnson made a motion to waive the rule and allow a second read at the same meeting. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. Council President Harshbarger introduced Ordinance 2016-2 on second read. Council member Johnson made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on second read which was seconded by Council member Walker and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Harshbarger announced that the Council would be meeting in executive session on May 24, 2016 at 4:00pm to interview prospective Deputy Marshalls.

Julie Newsom, representing the Summer Festival, discussed the status of permits and other items that the committee is addressing at this time. The discussion concerned permits and highway issues for this year's festival.

Lloyd Simmons asked that the Town vacate Virginia Street which divides his property. Mr. Simmons would like to have the Town vacate the street so as to allow him to merge the properties into one. A discussion ensued that detailed the effects on both the resident and Town.

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In the end, the Council decided not to vacate the property on a 2-1 vote with Council members Harshbarger and Walker voting against the proposal to vacate.

Council member Walker reminded residents that letters on the Towns wastewater issues need to be generated to help the Town in its efforts to acquire funding for the project. Utility Superintendent Bullock presented a slide show displaying the condition of the current plant. Council President Harshbarger reminded everyone that a Public Hearing on the rate increase would be held on May 27th at 6:00pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Austin Bullock, Town Marshall, informed council he is generating a list of street lights that need repaired. He also noted that all the police cars have new light packages and that the deputy car has been equipped with the new e-ticket equipment. Bullock also requested Council permission to purchase secure storage equipment for his car and the deputy vehicle. Council approved the request.

Dean Young, representing the volunteer fire department, gave a quick summary of the group's efforts over the last several weeks.

Council decided on a new park swing set after being presented with three options from the utility superintendent. The new equipment will be a 12' tri-pod with six seats.

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
WILLIAM JOHNSON COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER