

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 24, 2013

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday June 24, 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 absent. 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 of June 10, 2013 without any amendments or changes by unanimous vote. Minutes signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nancy Parrish, , asked if the vacating of Alabama Street will result in the property being converted into an alley due to the Town's request for an easement on the vacated area. Council President Harshbarger informed her that the vacated street will indeed become part of their property with the Town retaining a 20' easement for the purpose of utility work if necessary. The alley which intersects the old street will remain as is with the common area of both roadways remaining public right of way. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson explained that before the Town can pass an ordinance on the vacating of the property, the Council must conduct a public hearing for all residents to ask questions and/or make comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ross Pietrzak, a Community Development Planner with Region III-A Economic Development, explained the timeline that his agency has prepared for the Town to follow as they seek to acquire grant funding for several projects. The first item on the timeline is the establishment of an evaluation committee whose job it will be to submit the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) to firms seeking to complete the needed work for the Town. Council President Harshbarger appointed all three Council Members, the Clerk-Treasurer, and utility superintendent to serve on that committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Mussman, Huntington County Community Development Director, presented Council with an Ordinance which was identified as Ordinance 2013-9. This ordinance amends the official zoning code of the Town by modifying the permitted and special exceptions uses of Sec. 916: Open Space districts. Council Member Tackett made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, which was seconded by Council President Harshbarger and passed unanimously by

voice vote. Council President Harshbarger made a motion to allow for second reading of the ordinance at the same meeting at which it was first introduced. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tackett and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Harshbarger then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-9 on second reading, which was seconded by Council Member Tackett. Motion passed 2-0. Ordinance 2013-9 signed.

Council President Harshbarger requested that the utility superintendent be available to assist with the dismantling of the Town's old water tower. Harshbarger noted that Iseler Construction was scheduled to remove the tower on Thursday July 27th beginning at 5:30 a.m. Council Member Tackett suggested that the lot be used for an overflow parking for the school.

Council President Harshbarger introduced Ordinance 2013-8, a Transfer of Funds. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson stated that the Town's Rainy Day Fund balance is \$17,000. Johnson stated that by moving this money now it will not only allow the Town to increase the available balance in that account, but also allow the Town to replenish the general fund with tax revenue next year. Council member Tackett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-8 with Council President Harshbarger seconding the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote. Council President Harshbarger made a motion to consider Ordinance 2013-8 for a second reading at the same meeting at which it was first introduced. Council Member Tackett seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Council Member Tackett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-8 on second reading which was seconded by Council President Harshbarger. Motion passed 2-0. Ordinance 2013-8 was signed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal VanOver was not present for the meeting.

Fire Marshal Wuensch was not present for the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson stated that he did not have anything to add at this time.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated the Council on the issues his department was having with trying to identify and repair water leaks throughout the Town. Bullock cited as an example of the problem, the repair of a broken water line feeding a fire hydrant on Market Street. Bullock explained that they had to bring in a firm to install a valve at the site to allow the department to isolate the shutting off of water at the work site. Council approved Bullock's request to solicit quotes for a firm to map the Town's water and wastewater lines.

Council instructed the utility superintendent and Clerk-Treasurer to meet with representatives from Utility Supply Company and Therber, Brock and Stevens to formulate the logistics and financing of equipping the Town with radio read moisture meters.

Bullock also notified Council that he has hired Eric Spurlock as a part-time summer employee.

Park Commission representative Rick Wright requested that the Town allow him to solicit quotes for repairing the surface of the tennis courts at the Town Park. He will gather some quotes for the Council to consider. The tree problem at the Park was also discussed.

CLAIMS:

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

Council Member Tackett updated the gathering on the status of the summer festival. The festival committee is currently formulating plans for a small carnival, a gospel group at the park, horseshoe and cornhole tournaments, a parade, ice cream social and many other events directed toward all residents.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson noted that the Town is in the process of compiling a new animal ordinance.

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 6:58 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