

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2013

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Tuesday November 12, 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 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 October 28, 2013 and the special meeting on October 25, 2013. Council tabled the minutes of November 5, 2013 special meeting to allow for adjustments to those minutes as suggested by Council President Harshbarger. The approve minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Towns Librarian Nancy Disrop updated the Council on the status of the library's construction indicating that the plans are for the project to be completed by April 9, 2014. She also noted that the Madison Street between Main and Market may have to be entirely closed due to trusses being delivered in the construction phase.

Chris Urschel spoke on the upcoming appointment of the Towns representative to the Norwood Regional Water and Sewer District. Mr. Urschel has represented the Town for the past six years and is willing to continue in that position with the Councils approval. Council member Ray Tackett expressed a desire to have a town resident serve in that capacity if possible. It was decided to defer the decision until November 25th to see if any Town resident is interested in the position. Council President Harshbarger stated that whomever serves in the position needs to regularly update Council on the decisions and discussions conducted at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council discussed the ongoing negotiations with the Huntington County Township for providing fire and rescue services to the Township. Council appointed John Harshbarger to represent the Town in the negotiations with the Township. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson questioned why the contract was being pushed to start on January 1, 2014 when the Township has a current agreement with the City of Huntington that extends through 2014. He stated that it is his belief that all parties to the agreement would benefit by targeting a beginning date of January 1, 2015. From the standpoint of budgeting, Johnson explained that it would allow him to prepare his 2015 budget for the additional revenue and disbursements that will be involved in the new agreement. Johnson stated that it would also allow the Township an opportunity to increase its fire protection budget to reflect the costs of the new agreement.

Council President Harshbarger questioned why if 90% of calls are medical, why more volunteer fire members are not certified for medical assistance purposes.

The Council discussed the proposed animal ordinance with the County's Animal Control officer to finalize the provisions in the proposals. Council decided to change section 91.12 to define immediate compliance as 10 days unless the animal and/or public are endangered.

Under definitions, the Council changed the definition of vicious animal by deleting the final phrase of "on 2 or more reported occasions". It was the belief of the Council that one unprovoked attack would be enough to label the animal vicious. Council member Rohler requested that Sec. 91.05 be changed to 4 dogs and cats. This would exclude all other domestic pets from the limitation.

Vicki Harris, 760 N Colorado Street, updated the Council on her efforts to upgrade her garage to standards. The Council and Ms. Harris also reviewed the agreement reached on November 5 including a new request for proposal and bids for demolition.

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that the electrical work at the end of Terrell Street has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Harshbarger introduced Ordinance 2013-12, An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Code of the Town of Andrews, Modifying Section 102: Jurisdiction. The ordinance was requested by the Town of Andrews Plan Commission redefined the jurisdictional boundaries of the zoning ordinance. Council member Rohler made a motion to accept Ordinance 2013-12, seconded by Council member Tackett and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Council member Rohler made a motion to waive protocol and conduct a second read on the ordinance at the same meeting. A unanimous voice vote followed wherein Council President Harshbarger introduced the Ordinance for second read. Council member Rohler made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second read which was seconded by Council member Tackett and adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marshal Curt VanOver informed Council that it appears that the Town is on its own concerning the property issues on West McKeever Street. VanOver suggests that he, the Town Clerk, and the Towns' legal counsel meet to chart a course of action to address the situation.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson informed the Council of an upcoming public hearing on an additional appropriation ordinance. Johnson stated that due to unexpected legal expenses, the Town will seek additional monies for its legal expense budget.

Johnson presented the Council with a proposal from Keystone Software Systems to establish a Disaster Recovery Plan for the Town which would include annual record storage, offsite storage of records, and backup support in the event of a disaster. The cost of the program is \$275 annually. After some discussion, Council approved the request to enter into a contractual agreement with the firm for the program.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on efforts his department was making to prepare for the upcoming winter season.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cathy Johnson updated the Council on the efforts of the Summer Festival Committee to raise funds for next years festival.

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:54 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