

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, August 11, 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, Michael Rohler and John Harshbarger were present. Clerk-Treasurer William Johnson declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

PUBLIC HEARING – PLANNING GRANT

Council President Rohler opened a public hearing on the Town's application for a utility planning grant. Ross Pietrzak, Region III-A Economic Development, explained the process that the Town will go through to acquire the grant to fund a Utility Master Plan. Several residents spoke on their personal experiences with the water and wastewater in the Town. Mr. Pietrzak did inform Council that future grants may be hampered by the Town's current utility rate structure. Without any further comment, the public hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler introduced Resolution 2014-7, a Resolution of the Town of Andrews, Indiana, Authorizing the Submittal of a Planning Grant Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Matters. Council Member Harshbarger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-7, which was seconded by Council Member Tackett and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Resolution 2014-7 was signed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on July 28, 2014 and the special meeting conducted on August 8, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler informed the gathering that the Town will not be sending a representative to the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns annual conference.

Rohler also read a letter from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs explaining that the agency has some concerns over the time extensions required by the library to complete the expansion project.

Council Member Tackett informed the Council that he had a building contractor look at the Community Building to develop a cost estimate on improving the building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Harshbarger updated Council on the status of the new Town garage construction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Pittman, the Town's Bond Counsel from Barnes and Thornburg, explained the two ordinances that Council would consider at this meeting. The two bond ordinances establish the guidelines and protocol for the receipting and disbursing of monies for the Town garage project.

Council President Rohler introduced Ordinance 2014-9, An Ordinance Authorizing the Construction of Additions and Improvements to the Waterworks of the Town of Andrews, Indiana; Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Provide the Funds for the Payment of the Costs Thereof; Addressing Other Matters Connected Therein; and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith. Council Member Tackett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-9 which was seconded by Council Member Harshbarger. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Council President Rohler introduced Ordinance 2014-10, An Ordinance Authorizing the Construction of Additions and Improvements to the Sewage Works System of the Town of Andrews, Indiana; Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Provide the Funds for the Payment of the Costs Thereof; Addressing Other Matters Connected Therein; and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith. Council Member Tackett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-10 which was seconded by Council Member Harshbarger. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Tackett moved to waive the rules and conduct a second reading of Ordinance 2014-9. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harshbarger and passed unanimously. Council Member Harshbarger made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-9 on second reading which was seconded by Council Member Tackett and adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Ordinance 2014-9 was signed.

Council Member Tackett made a motion to waive rules and conduct a second reading of Ordinance 2014-10. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harshbarger and passed unanimously. Council Member Harshbarger made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-10 on second reading, which was seconded by Council Member Tackett and adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Ordinance 2014-10 was signed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marshal Van Juillerat presented the Council with a monthly police report.

Council approved the request from the Andrews Summer Festival to use the Town Hall on the Festival weekend in the event of bad weather and to host the Bubble Lady.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson forwarded a request from a resident to use the Community Building each Thursday night for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Council approved the request.

Johnson presented the Council with a request from William Mongold to have his water bill adjusted for a second month due to a leak that sprung as a result of repairing another leak. Council approved the request.

Johnson also asked the Council to consider funding the Town employee's Health Savings Account for the remainder of the year. Council tabled the request to review the status of the accounts.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on the tree issues that the Town is addressing. Bullock also stressed the need to upgrade his rolling stock.

Council President Rohler discussed the situation with appointing a nuisance officer for the Town. He suggested that perhaps Mr. Bullock would consider the position.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:10 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