

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 24, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, August 24, 2015 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 tabled the minutes from the August 10, 2015 meeting so as to allow the Clerk to amend the record to include comments made by Council member Tackett.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler appointed Council member John Harshbarger to represent the Town at the annual Indiana Association of Towns and Cities conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated the Council on the status of the paving projects that will be performed by E&B Paving. Council member Tackett questioned why only portions of certain streets are being paved instead of paving the entire length of Market Street. Bullock explained that the sections identified were in need of immediate paving and future utility projects should not disrupt the paving. He stated that these sections were in greater need than sections of Market Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler asked about the status of expenditures for flooding issues that were related to this year's heavy rains. The Clerk will try to gather the numbers to forward on to the County EMA Director. Rohler also stated that he has also received information pertaining to grant possibilities. He suggested that the Town follow-up on the information to ascertain possible funding for a new tornado siren.

Rohler also noted that the Town has been notified by the Freedom from Religious Foundation about the trailer that sits on Jefferson Street. The group is questioning the use of public access for a religious organization. The Clerk-Treasurer updated the meeting on the status of the request which is being handled by the Towns legal counsel.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshall Juillerat stated that both the Festival and Mud Boggs went smoothly without any incidents of note.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present. Dean Young gave an update on the departments fund raising efforts.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson announced that his deputy, Sarah Geiger, has resigned, effective September 11, 2015. Johnson indicated that his office will be conducting interviews for the position in the forthcoming week.

Johnson also received Council permission to renew the annual software contract with Keystone Software for a fee of \$4875.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock stated that his department is in the process of completing the installation of new street and stop signs. Council President Rohler also asked Mr. Bullock to move forward on the Town banners.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Clerk-Treasurer presented outgoing Council President Rohler with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the community over the last five years.

Council President Rohler read a resignation letter from Town Marshal Van Juillerat. Juillerat will be retiring effective August 31, 2015.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 6:42 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