

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 25, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, August 25, 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.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on August 11, 2014 and the special meeting conducted on August 22, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Johnathan Leist of the Huntington County Solid Waste Management District explained a curb side recycling program that his agency is considering. The plan would charge each resident \$3.35/month which would include a 96-gallon cart. The Town could also contact its trash contractor to determine what kind of rates it could provide as well. Leist explained that the current dumpster program would continue with or without the curbside program. Leist explained that the purpose of the new program was to extend the life of the county landfill. He also stated that people recycle more when it is curbside. Council instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Waste Management for a price on curbside recycling and they will look at all options once those prices have been established.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Cathy Johnson, representing the Summer Festival committee, gave the Council a quick recap of the festival and its current financial status. She thanked the Town and the Council for its support and presented the Council with a plaque indicating the Committee's appreciation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler stated that the Town is now the owner of the lot at 21 N Main Street in Andrews. He also updated the status of the contract with Schwartz Brothers, LLC on the construction of the new Town garage. As noted in the special meeting minutes, the Company had let their registration with the Secretary of State Office expire. The Town cannot sign a contract with the firm until that registration is reinstated. However, in the meantime, under the advice of its legal counsel, the Town can issue a non-binding approval of the contract pending the resolution of the matter with the State or the receipt of a performance bond from the company.

Council expressed an interest in dedicating the water fountain at the Park in memory of Linda Wright.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marshal Van Juillerat gave a brief summary of the departments activities at the summer festival.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present. Dean Young, a volunteer fireman, stated that the new fireman is completing their training. He also mentioned a Fish and Chicken fry at the station on September 13 and an auxiliary Craft Bizarre on October on October 11.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson presented Council with four ordinance violations to sign.

Utility Superintendent Bullock discussed the need for an upgrade in the electrical service for the festival.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler presented the Council with an itemized breakdown of the insurance premium of all the Towns capital assets.

Council member Tackett inquired about the status of the street paving projects. Tackett expressed concern over the condition of the Jefferson Street in front of the Post Office. He also informed Council of an effort on his part to repair the Community Center.

Tackett also expressed a desire to discontinue the take home car policy of the Deputy Marshall. It is his belief that the car should stay in Andrews. A discussion ensued concerning the overall policy of take home cars. Council President Rohler stated that he would present the provision that allows for the Town Marshall to have a take home car. Council decided to work with the Marshall to develop policies for use of take home cars.

Council discussed the appointment of a Nuisances Officer who would identify violators of the Towns Nuisances Ordinance. After a brief discussion, Council President Mike Rohler was appointed to that position.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:37 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