

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD DECEMBER 14, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, December 14, 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 Bonnie Walker 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 November 23, 2015. Approved minutes were signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Director Mark Wickersham, Huntington County Economic Development Corporation (HCUE) presented Council with several documents detailing his agency's efforts to improve the economic basis of the county and community. Council accepted the proposal to pay the organization \$3000 in fiscal 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Tackett opened and read aloud three sealed bids from companies bidding on a three year contract to provide trash collection and disposal services to the Town. Representatives from Waste Management, H&H Disposal and Republic Services, each highlighted portions of their respective company's bids. Council decided to table further action so that the bid materials may be reviewed. A special meeting for December 21st was set for the bids to be further considered and perhaps acted upon.

Council discussed the proposed fire contract with Huntington Township. The contract reduces the amount the Town will receive by \$10,000. The proposal was tabled until the special meeting on the 21st with the hope that representatives of the Township would attend that meeting.

Council Member Harshbarger asked to table the burn ordinance until the Town can devise a way to meet the provisions of the law in its own disposal needs. Harshbarger suggested the Town consider purchasing a brush chipper to alleviate the problem with disposing of most yard waste.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Chase Stephan thanked Council on behalf of the Festival Committee for use of the Council Room for their Community Christmas Party on the previous weekend.

Laura Dillon presented Council with several decal options that the Town is considering for both a welcome sign and decals for Town vehicles. Council instructed her on dimensions and style and asked her to proceed.

Council Member Walker made a motion to have Therber, Brock and Associates and Strand Inc. prepare documents to begin the process of obtaining funding for the water and wastewater

projects that the Town will be undertaking over the next several years. Council approved the motion with a unanimous voice vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson explained the funding process and some thoughts on the Town's efforts to, not only bring the wastewater plant up to standards, but also to repair the collection lines which need improvement.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal Vanover did not have anything to report to Council at this time.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was absent from the meeting.

Council approved the Clerk-Treasurer's request to have the Town's legal counsel prepare a quitclaim deed for the two properties at the west end of Jefferson Street to Ted Newsome. Johnson also received permission from Council to acquire a quote for a new gasoline accounting system to be used for the Town's gas and diesel fuel consumption.

Utility Superintendent Bullock informed Council that due to the warm early winter weather that his department has been able to complete some projects that were scheduled for next spring.

CLAIMS:

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

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

APPROVED BY _____ as
RAYMOND TACKETT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON CLERK-TREASURER