

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, January 26, 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 unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 12, 2015. The approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim McNulty of Strand, Inc. updated the Council on the status of the planning grant including such things as the timeline, requirements of the Town and other matters that the Company will need as the project proceeds. He answered several questions from Council including specific questions on the contamination issue that will be involved in the study.

Council decided to await a report from the DCD before moving forward on the property at 21 S. Maple Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler introduced Resolution 2015-1, a Resolution of the Town of Andrews to Accept an Assignment of the County's Tax Lien against a Certain Property. The resolution would allow the Town to take possession of the property at 271 W. Jefferson Street through a commissioner's certificate. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. The clerk-treasurer explained the population projection that the study will need to determine the need for the project.

Council established a special meeting for Thursday, January 29, 2015 to work out an agreement with the Dallas Township Trustee and Advisory Board for a new fire protection contract.

Council member Tackett stated that he would talk with William Mongold about the condition of his property.

Town Marshall Juillerat explained the process for dealing with not only ordinance nuisance violators but the vehicle situation as well. Juillerat explained that anytime a town official goes on a property, they should be accompanied by a police officer. In addition, Juillerat explained the difference between an abandoned vehicle, a junk vehicle, and one that cannot be removed from private property. Council President Rohler asked Juillerat to establish a protocol that the Town can use to address the different situations that may arrive under each scenario.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal Van Juillerat updated the Council on the status of the light packages for the police cars which he estimates will cost between \$1500 and \$1700. Council instructed that he proceed with the project. Council member Tackett questioned the presence of an Andrews reserve on US 24 stopping a semi-truck. Marshal Juillerat will find out what the circumstances were and update Council at its next meeting.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not in attendance, however, Scott Howell and Michael Young spoke briefly on recent fire department runs and status of new firemen.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson informed the Council of an agreement he will sign with the County to account for the funding of the bridge project on North Colorado Street

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that the new street signs are in and are correct this time. Bullock also asked the Council for permission to bid on a sewervac truck that the City of Huntington has for sale. Council gave Bullock permission to bid up to \$15,000 for the truck.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Cathy Johnson, 215 South Main Street, representing the Summer Festival, asked if the Council had considered any plans for a stage in the old Miller lot across the street. Council asked her to come in with some ideas for consideration.

A brief discussion centered on the dates of the last time the water tower was painted and the feasibility of relocating the water plant. It is believed that the Town considered moving the plant in the early part of the last decade but the project was dropped without any significant study.

Town Marshal Juillerat will look into finding someone who can polish and repair the tile floor in the Town Hall.

CLAIMS:

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

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:38 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