

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 13, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, July 13, 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 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 June 22, 2015. Approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council Member Tackett asked the Clerk-Treasurer if he knew the amount of golf cart registrations that the Town has issued this year. The Clerk-Treasurer stated he was unaware of any revenue from the registrations. A brief discussion between the Council, Marshal, and Clerk-Treasurer revealed a misunderstanding of duties between the Marshal and Clerk's office on the issuance of the permits. Both the Marshal and Clerk-Treasurer promised to look into the situation to ascertain what the duties of both offices are under the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Huntington Township Trustee Tim Guy asked the Council to consider extending the current fire protection contract for at least two more years. Both the Township and Volunteer Fire Department agreed that the current relationship was manageable. Council Member Harshbarger asked that the fee for the second year be deferred until the end of the first year of the contract so as to not tie the Town into a revenue figure that may be inadequate. The Trustee stated that he did not feel that to be a problem. The Town will have its legal counsel draw up a new contract for all parties to review at a later date.

Marla Stambazze, Huntington County Department of Community Development, presented Council with a Notice of Order of Enforcement. However, since the Town has already sent the owners a nuisance violation notice, it was decided to let the Town proceed by cleaning up the property and billing the owners.

Ms. Stambazze also presented Council with Ordinance 2015-2, which is an Ordinance amending the Subdivision Ordinance, Regulating the Subdivision of Land within the Jurisdictional Area of the Town of Andrews. Council approved the Ordinance on a roll call vote on first reading. A unanimous vote by all members present allowed for a second reading at the same meeting at which the ordinance was first introduced. A unanimous voice vote adopted the ordinance. Ordinance 2015-2 was signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council approved bids for the sale of Town property at 336 W. Monroe to Harley Asher and the sale of the Town property at 487 E McKeever Street to Christine Ruster and John Price. Both parties will sign purchase agreements which will be reviewed by the Town's legal counsel before continuing.

The Clerk-Treasurer also presented Council with a purchase proposal from Ed Asher for the property at 504 Colorado Street. The bid for \$1,000 was accepted by Council

Steve Brock, Therber, Brock and Associates, presented Council with a first look at possible utility rates in connection with the proposed planning study recently completed by Strand and Associates. The rate schedules proposed by Mr. Brock were only estimates based on available data at this time. The purpose of the compilation is to allow the Town to have an idea of what fees could possibly be depending on financing and grants available.

Mr. Brock also reviewed the proposed utility billing ordinance that he compiled at the request of the Town. Council will amend the proposal with the goal being to develop a comprehensive policy for collecting utility bills.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Marshal Juillerat presented Council with his monthly report and next month's schedule.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch informed Council on the latest efforts to combat the continuing issue of rising waters due to perpetual rainfall. Council also approved the Department's request to store items in the two out building at the end of Terrel Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson asked Council for permission to seek cost estimates for a new monitor for the Council Chambers. The request was approved. Council established a special meeting date of July 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. to receive input from each department head on next year's budget.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock was not present. However, Council Member Harshbarger presented two quotes for roof repairs at the Town's water and wastewater plants. Council approved the quote from Jake Schwartz Construction to repair the roofs at both plants.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council reviewed sidewalk request proposals from Toby Little for his business on Main Street. Due to the inconsistencies of the quotes, Council will ask the Mr. Little for clarification on the quotes.

Council approved a request from Kathy Gamble of the Andrews Summer Festival for the Town to sponsor the band on Saturday night of the festival. The band's fee is approximately \$1,300.

Council also discussed the problem with abandoned automobiles.

Council Member Tackett asked of the status of getting stickers placed on all Town vehicles.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 8:38 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