

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 28, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, July 28, 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 approved the minutes of the regular meeting on July 14, 2014 and the special meeting conducted on July 21, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Council Member Tackett suggested that the Town consider a memorial for Linda Wright who recently passed away.

Cathy Johnson updated Council on the status of the preparation for the annual summer festival. Johnson indicated that the committee was compiling a disaster plan and would like to consider using the Town Hall basement as a tornado shelter. Council approved the request. Johnson informed Council that the Indiana State Highway Department has approved the closing of State Highway 105 during the festival and also asked the Town for help erecting barricades as needed during the festival. Council also approved that request.

Johnson provided Council with a list of properties she has noticed on her walks that she believes are in violation of the Town's nuisance Ordinance. Council will look into each location for violation. Council Member Tackett inquired about the status of the property on West McKeever Street. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson indicated that the next step in the process would be to file suit. Marshal Juillerat will update photos before filing the suit.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council President Rohler presented a proposal to settle the situation at 21 N. Main Street in Andrews. Council has been offered a settlement which would include the transfer of three parcels of land to the Town for partial payment of the excavation of the building on the property. Council approved the proposal after review.

Council reviewed and approved an agreement with the law firm of Barnes and Thornburg to act as Bond Council for the Town as it seeks financing for its new Town garage.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Mussman, representing the Huntington County Plan Commission, asked Council to consider subsidizing the Commission by contributing \$8,000 annually. Mussman explained that the Commission's funding is being reduced by the County and as such, they are seeking

additional funding sources. Council Member Harshbarger asked Mr. Mussman to explain why the Town should pay for a service that taxpayers of the community pay for through tax payments. Council decided to table the proposal until the Commission can produce some numbers to support the request.

Council Member Tackett asked if the Town would consider sponsoring the Lion's Club Parade winning entries this year. Tackett and Festival Committee Chair Cathy Johnson will attend the next meeting of the Club to coordinate the effort. Council agreed to donate up to \$150.

Council President Rohler introduced Ordinance 2014-8, An Ordinance to Amend Previously Adopted Ordinance 2013-15 (Salary Ordinance). The Ordinance would pay Council Members monthly instead of quarterly. Council Member Tackett made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Council Member Harshbarger, and passed unanimously. Council President took a roll call vote to waive the rules and conduct a vote on a second reading at the same meeting at which the Ordinance was introduced. The favorable roll call vote was unanimous. Council Member Harshbarger made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-8 on second and final reading which passed unanimously. Ordinance 2014-8 was signed.

Council President Rohler opened several bids for Town equipment. The following bids were received for the following items and a motion to accept the highest bids were made on all purchases and adopted by a unanimous voice vote:

1986 Dump Truck:	Van Juillerat	\$2,000
	Tom Wuensch	\$ 505
	Ed Asher	\$1,199.99

The 1986 Dump Truck was sold to Van Juillerat

1989 Chevy Caprice:	Van Juillerat	\$650
	Brain Cochran	\$180
	Tom Wuensch	\$250

The 1989 Chevy Caprice was sold to Van Juillerat

Three Fire Hydrants:	Harley Asher	\$25
	Tom Wuensch	\$ 5

The three fire hydrants were sold to Harley Asher

Two Snow Plows:	Tom Wuensche	\$25
	Terry Miller	\$160
	Harley Asher	\$100

The two snow plows were sold to Terry Miller

Bush Hog:	Harley Asher	\$25
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The Bush Hog was sold to Harley Asher

International Bucket Truck:	J.D. Dillon	\$1,571
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The International Bucket Truck was sold to J.D. Dillon

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Marshal Van Juillerat reported that his vehicle is currently being repaired. Juillerat requested that the Council consider purchasing UPS systems for his three computers as a power failure earlier in the day had deleted his work. Each computer will need a separate device which cost about \$150 each. Council approved the request.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch updated Council on the status of the new fire fighters training program.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson stated that the property at 310 W. Monroe Street was going up for Sheriff's sale in September. He asked Council for approval to contact the buyer to see if they would be interested in the adjoining property, which is owned by the Town.

Johnson also stated that unless the Council had any major modifications to the budget proposal, he will advertise it as is. Johnson reminded Council that the advertisement does not mean that the Council cannot change the budget prior to adoption. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for September 8 with the adoption meeting scheduled for September 22.

Marshal Van Juillerat stated that there were errors in his budget in 2014 with several line items that will be over appropriated by the end of the year. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that over appropriated line items are common in most budgets and are inherent within the process. He stated that a resolution at the end of the year will allow the Town to transfer monies from line items with residual balances to line items that are over appropriated.

Utility Superintendent Bullock asked what to do with all the bikes that the Town has. It was suggested that the Town donate them to a good cause. Council decided to pay the cost of the repair of the F-350, which was damaged in a recent accident, rather than file an insurance claim.

### **CLAIMS:**

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council Member Tackett stated that with the understanding that the Town Marshal has control over the assignment of his staff, Mr. Tackett cannot understand why the Town hired an additional part-time officer in lieu of utilizing the reserve force.

Council discussed purchasing gas "futures" to stabilize pricing but the process is difficult and would likely involve margin money.

Cathy Johnson, 215 S. Main Street, inquired about the use of reserves vs. part-time policemen as well as whether or not volunteer firemen take drug test and pass physicals. Council will explore both issues to insure that the force is meeting current requirements.

Dale Gray, 767 N. Colorado Street, asked the Town Marshal about a situation where the County Sheriff's office responded to two calls in Andrews when the Town had officers on duty. Marshal Juillerat stated that he would review the log to determine why the Town did not respond.

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:09 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