

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 23, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday June 23, 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 June 9, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Council member Tackett announced that Dean Harris and his sister are attempting to acquire the old bait shop on Main Street to put in a diner to serve breakfast and lunches.

President Michael Rohler updated council on attending Region 3-A board meeting in Columbia City, Wednesday, June 18, 2014. The main topic of the meeting was budget items concerning personal property tax referendum. Eliminating personal property tax is good for business but ultimately hurts cities and towns with the reduction in tax monies.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jim McNulty from Strand Inc. was present to discuss the Planning Grant engineering service agreement. The grant agreement scope has been reviewed and McNulty stated the agreement would include the items that OCRA would expect to see within the document. The obligation is for \$53,000.00 and he indicated Strand would not get a first draw until 60% of the work had been completed. Council member Tackett asked about assistances with the contamination problems at the old Dana building and surrounding area. Mr. McNulty and his firm, along with IDEM could help with the water quality problems. President Rohler made a recommendation that with the scope of the project identified the revised contract could be approved tonight. A motion by Council member John Harshbarger to approve the recommendation was seconded by Council member Tackett and adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Council discussed how to go forward with acquiring the Miller's Pub property. Council decided to file a lien on the property for \$20,000, accept a warranty deed for the other two parcels and seek the residual balance through other means.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rohler received several call and a letter from Emergency Management Agency, Lindsey Goss regarding the automatic sand bag filler. EMA wants all towns and the County Commissioners to support the project by committing a portion of the financing. A motion was put forth by Council

member Tackett to commit no less than \$2,000 but not more than \$4,000 toward the purchase of the machine.

Council went through documents received relating to the blight insurance program. This program is funding to help with removal of condemn housing. Council is in favor of moving forward but the process is complicated and the documents are not clear. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson suggested the Town follow the lead of the county in the implementation of the program.

Council President Rohler introduced Resolution 2014-4 which would establish the procedure for the Town to reimburse any funds that disburse monies for the new Town garage with bond proceeds. Council member Harshbarger made a motion to accept the resolutions which was seconded by Council member Tackett and adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Town Marshal Van Over requested council he send a letter to the County Commissioners informing them of problems he is having with the IT department at the county. He needs to access the CICS software in order to do reports and other police department business. President Rohler and council told Van Over to write the letter and Rohler would review and present to the County Commissioners.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch reported one of the fire trucks was down and was currently being repaired. Wuensch informed Council that he has recruited seven new firefighters that went to training last Saturday. He will give council a new rooster. He will need to buy at least two new turnout gear and some new pagers and radios. Council member Ray Tackett wants the fire department to purchase all the equipment they need to do their job.

Utility Superintendent Bullock discussed the proposal of the new lawn mower. Council wants Bullock to purchase a mower with the front deck and four wheel drive. There have been problems with contractors giving estimates for paving. Council wants to move ahead with the estimate for paving repairs to the street cuts.

Chase Stephan reported on the Andrews Summer Festival progress. The circus held June 20, 2014 was a great success, with a profit of around \$600.00. A thank you goes out to the Fire Department for helping with parking at the circus. The State Fire Marshall was at the circus on Friday to inspect and also inspected the stage for the Summer Festival.

### **CLAIMS:**

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

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:15 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