

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, May 11, 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 April 27, 2015. Approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council discussed the nuisance letters that will need to be sent to homeowners whose properties are in violation of the Towns' nuisance ordinance. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson stated that Utility Superintendent Bullock had presented a list of high grass and weed locations. Council President Rohler listed several properties that were in violation for various reasons.

Council Member Tackett asked about the outstanding balances on utility bills. The Clerk-Treasurer explained the difficulty in dealing with the accounts with each being a different set of variables. Council President Rohler asked him to have an aging of receivables available for the next Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Council with a copy of a letter from the County's Department of Community Development which stated that the residence at 21 S. Maple Street was in compliance with the Order of Enforcement issued by that Department.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson also informed Council that a public hearing on the planning grant is scheduled for June 22, 2015. Johnson also stated that the first draft payment to Strand Engineers was included in the docket for Council approval.

Council President Rohler stated that it appears that a blown fuse was the only issue with the current warning siren. However, according to Rohler, the current siren does not meet the decibel level standards required by the Emergency Management Agency. Rohler also stated that it appears that a new system would not require a backup generator, so that subject will no longer be addressed in this situation. Council reviewed a quote for a new system from Emergency Radio System, Inc. for \$17,993.87. Council Member John Harshbarger presented an additional quote on the system from Sirens for Cities, Inc. That company offered several options for a new siren. A brief discussion followed on the different variables of each system centering on the electrical systems of each siren, weight, rotating features and other variables. Council Member Tackett expressed his hope that the quotes included all start-up costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Superintendent Bullock presented Council with an estimate for paving jobs in the Town. The quote from Huntington Asphalt was divided into three paving jobs. Council prioritized the jobs to allow Bullock to focus his attention on the each individually. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson listed the paving budget in each fund and was instructed to inquire about possible paving grants.

Cameron Mitchell, N. Market Street, was instructed to bring a quote for a new sidewalk for Council’s consideration at his earliest convenience.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Town Marshal presented Council with a spreadsheet containing a list of violations for the month. Marshal Juillerat stated that the new police car will be decaled in less than two weeks.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was not present. Dean Young gave Council a summary of the tenderloin fundraisers that the department conducted on May 2nd.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson informed Council of a request from American Legal to codify the Towns ordinances. Council decided to wait until the end of the calendar year to submit the new and amended ordinances. Johnson also cited Harley Asher for contributing his personal time to the Town. Asher repaired a malfunctioning lift station without charging the Town.

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that he is working on installing a water fountain at the park. Bullock also stated that the Town will be flushing hydrants the week of June 1st. Residents may notice a temporary discoloration or smell in the water during that period.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rick Wright explained his proposal to update the Town’s electrical system for the festival and other needs. He presented four areas of concern, including the load center on Main Street, the box on East Jefferson Street, the box on West Jefferson Street that the carnival uses for the festival and at the corner of Jefferson and Snowden Street. Council approved the work order.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:29 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