

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 27 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Tuesday, May 27, 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 May 12, 2014 and the special meeting on May 23, 2014. The approved minutes were signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council President Rohler reviewed a letter that the Town had prepared in response to the planning grant proposal from Strand, Inc.

Cathy Johnson, representing the Andrews Summer Festival, presented Council with materials relating to the shirts that are available for purchase from committee members. The committee sponsored a contest in which grade school students submitted design ideas with the winner receiving \$25. She updated Council on the status of the Circus fund raiser. Ms. Johnson indicated that the committee had cleaned up the area around the Dairy Store and had raised roughly \$4,000.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock stated that the standpipe has not been removed from the old water tower site. The Huntington County School Corporation would like the pipe removed before taking possession of the property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council President introduced Ordinance 2014-3, which would amend Chapter 51 of the Code of the Town of Andrews. Essentially, this Ordinance would amend the Code to classify property owners who are purchasing a property on a "land contract" to be considered as a renter in posting the required deposit for utility service. Council Member Tackett expressed his concern over the large balance in the water meter fund. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson stated that if the Council wanted to refund some of this money, then a new ordinance would be necessary.

Council Member Tackett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-3 on first reading, which was seconded by Council Member Harshbarger. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. A motion was made by Council Member Harshbarger, seconded by Council Member Tackett, to conduct a second reading at the same meeting at which the Ordinance was first introduced. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Harshbarger made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-3 on second reading was seconded by Council Member Tackett. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2014-3 was signed.

Council reviewed Ordinances 2014-4 2014-5; both are intended to regulate the possession of open alcohol containers within the Town. Due to some concerns and questions on both ordinances, Council tabled both until the Town's legal counsel is present at a meeting to address all the concerns and questions of Council.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Town Marshal Van Over had nothing further to discuss with Council.

Firefighter Dean Young updated Council on the fire runs made by the department in the last month. He also responded to a question from the Council President on the runs made into the new Huntington Township territory being covered by the department.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson asked Council to consider ways to disburse several bicycles that have come into the Town's possession over the years. Council instructed him to contact local charitable agencies to see if one of them would be interested in disbursing the bicycles.

Cathy Gamble, 350 S. Pearl Street, asked about the properties at the corner of Monroe and Pearl Streets. One is a trailer that was damaged by fire and the other property was the scene of a meth lab. Council instructed the Marshal and Clerk-Treasurer to address both situations. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that his office has already moved on several high grass and weed properties.

Council requested that the Utility Superintendent get quotes on a new mower and several paving projects that are needed throughout Town.

**CLAIMS:**

All claims were approved as presented by a unanimous voice vote after a brief discussion. The Clerk-Treasurer explained two claims that had been added to the register since the Council Members had received their packets.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Nancy Disbro, Town Librarian, updated Council on the status of the Library expansion project. She also presented Council with an invitation to the opening ceremony which will be held at the Library on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Clerk-Treasurer and Librarian both explained to Council the final payments and the completion of the project.

The Clerk-Treasurer reminded residents that trash pick-up will be on Saturday this week due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Johnson also informed Council that due to the fact that both he and Sarah Geiger will be at a conference in French Lick on June 9<sup>th</sup>, the date of the next Council meeting, that Laura Dillon will be sitting in for him.

Without any other business, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:40 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