

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, November 9, 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 Bonnie Walker 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 September 28, 2015. Approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Town Attorney, Mike Hartburg, walked Council through the process of advertising and receiving bids for a new trash pickup contract for the Town. Council asked Mr. Hartburg to change the wording on the annual spring cleanup. Hartburg stated that he would send the amended version to the Clerk-Treasurer for public notice.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Tackett read aloud a letter from the Indiana Department of Transportation indicating that a four-way stop is not justified for Main and McKeever Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson asked for the Town's legal counsel to discuss the fire contract with Huntington Township. Mike Hartburg will review the current contract and provide the Council with a new draft to consider at its next meeting.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch presented a quote from Schroeders on the repair of the brakes on the tanker truck. Council instructed him to proceed with the repairs. Council Member Harshbarger suggested that the department prepare a list of their rolling stock with an anticipated date of replacement of each vehicle.

Council President Tackett suggested that the Council table the proposed burn ordinance to allow Council additional time to review the document.

Council President Tackett requested that the Town put decals on the Town's vehicles and have Town employees carry identification badges.

Council Member Bonnie Walker discussed the two meetings that she attended in the past week. The first meeting was sponsored by FEMA to discuss the flooding problem in the County. Ms. Walker explained that the collapse of the railroad bridge last summer has made the agency aware of the problem in our Town. She also attended a meeting in Columbia City on a bike path that will connect several communities in the area. Ms. Walker stated that it would be nice if the Town had a place for the bikers to eat as they passed through Town.

Diana Gray suggested that it does not help her efforts to sell her home if members of our Council publically downgrade our water quality. Council President Tackett stated that he would continue to speak out about the water issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Summer Festival reminded everyone of the groups Christmas party on December 12th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal VanOver did not have anything to add to his report.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson stated that he will be closing the post office box that the Town is no longer using, PO Box 399. He also informed Council that he will not be in attendance at the next meeting in two weeks.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on the status of leaf collection and preparing for winter weather.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED BY _____ as
RAYMOND TACKETT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY _____ as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY _____ as
WILLIAM K. JOHNSON CLERK-TREASURER