

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 26, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, October 26, 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, and Bonnie Walker were present. Council member John Harshbarger was not 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 from the regular meeting of October 13, 2015. The approved minutes were signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson introduced Resolution 2015-13 which establishes the Town's CREDIT plan for the next two years. The plan will enable the Town to continue to receive CREDIT funding over the next several years. Johnson explained the elements of the plan including projects that the funding will be used for in the next two years.

Council member Walker made a motion to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Council President Tackett and adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Fire Marshal Tom Wuensch stated that two of the department's tanker trucks were in need of new brakes. He stated that cost and parts availability are to a point where a newer truck purchase should be considered. Wuensch stated that he had contacted a firm that had a truck available for around \$180,000. Clerk-Treasurer Johnson was unsure where the funding would come from to purchase the truck.

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that the Town will pick up leaves beginning the week of November 16.

Town Marshal Vanover presented the Council with a template for a new burn ordinance and a copy of the state law on burning. It was decided that the Fire Chief will examine the template and state law to draft a proposed ordinance which will be finalized by the Town's legal counsel.

Vanover also presented Council with the current speed zones in school zones. He suggested that the ordinance (Ordinance 486) be amended to remove Sec. (A) (2) which covers Leedy Lane between McKeever and Jefferson Street. That street no longer exists. Vanover also suggested that the Town review its weapons discharge policy to determine if it needs amended as well.

Council President Tackett suggested that the Town present retired Marshal Juillerat with a plaque for his service.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Tackett inquired about the status of the property on West Jefferson Street. Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson stated that the Town's legal counsel had secured the deed and was in the process of finalizing the transaction.

Tackett also asked why the split in the floor had not been repaired. Johnson stated that he would contact Jason Allen to determine if he was still interested in doing the job. Tackett also asked what the status was of the Town's effort to sell capital assets it was no longer using. Utility Superintendent Bullock informed Tackett that the old marked police car was being used by his wastewater department and the others were being considered as trade-ins on newer vehicles. Tackett was informed that the Town decal project would be addressed in the next couple of months.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Council President Tackett requested that Marshal Vanover to furnish each Council a copy of the police report from the fight that occurred on McKeever and Market Street. Vanover stated that he would provide the copies.

Fire Chief Wuensch was granted permission to take the new first responder truck home as he completes the modifications on it.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson stated that he and Council President Tackett would be meeting with the State Board of Accounts on an exit interview the next day.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on the efforts of his departments to trim trees and get prepared for winter.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council approved the Summer Festivals request to use the Municipal Building for its annual Christmas gathering. Council also heard complaints about a local business using the compost pile for commercial use. It will be monitored in the future for any additional violations.

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