

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, September 14, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Council President Tackett opened up the public hearing on the 2016 budget. The Clerk-Treasurer provided a visual presentation of the 2016 budget for everyone. He defined each of the forms and focused on the Form 4B, which is a compilation of the budget numbers and calculation of rate. The Clerk-Treasurer answered several questions from residents concerning the rate and budget. Johnson also demonstrated how residents could access Town information on the state's Gateway System. With no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes from the regular meetings of August 10, 2015 and August 24, 2015 and the special meeting on August 31, 2015. The approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch asked Council for permission to replace as many as ten sets of turnout gear and two vehicles. Council approved the request for replacing as many turnout gear sets up to a set cost of \$24,000. Council also approved the purchase of a new vehicle to replace the current rescue truck and to defer a new tanker frame until after the first of the year. The new rescue truck has a list price of \$34,000 but the Chief has hopes that some trade-ins will reduce the price.

Chase Stephan, representing the Andrews Summer Festival, was granted permission to host a community picnic at the Park on October 17. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that the event will be noted on this month's utility bill. Mr. Stephan also asked if both the fire and police department could provide vehicles for kids to view. Both departments responded affirmatively.

Council President Tackett informed the public that the Huntington County Tab met with him, John Harshbarger, and Rick Wright to do a story on the plaque to Linda Wright. Tackett also sought out someone to head the Park Committee to insure that the improvements in the Park continue.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal Vanover asked Council if the preferred a worksheet with a compilation of police activities or a copy of the daily log. Council requested that he provide them a copy of the log on a monthly basis.

Vanover also sought to add additional reserves and part-time officers. However, Council President Tackett indicated that he would prefer the force remain at its current level. Tackett also indicated that he felt that former Marshal Juillerat should keep his pistol as a retirement gift. Council approved the suggestion.

Fire Chief Wuensch had left the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Johnson introduced Laury Powell as his new deputy clerk.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated the Council on the status of his department.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:29 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