

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, September 22, 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 unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 8, 2014. The approved minutes were signed. However, Council asked the Clerk to amend the September 15, 2014 minutes to reflect the discussion on a utility rate increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler introduced Ordinance 2014-11, which would repeal and replace the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Andrews, Indiana. Mark Mussman, representing the Huntington County Plan Commission, explained the purpose of the ordinance, which is to update the maps and bring the Town into compliance with current standards. Council member Harshbarger made a motion to accept the ordinance on first read which was seconded by Council member Tackett and passed by a unanimous voice vote. Council approved waiving the rule to conduct a second read at the same meeting by a unanimous voice vote. After Council President Rohler reintroduced the ordinance for second read, Council adopted the ordinance on a roll call vote which was also unanimous.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council member Harshbarger introduced a letter from Stentech which is seeking a meeting with the Council and several other entities that are involved with the contamination issue at the old Dana plant. Council President Rohler appointed Council member Tackett to spearhead the Towns effort on the project.

Town Marshal Van Juillerat informed Council President Rohler that he believed he had pictures of the situation on McKeever Street.

Tom Vail, the proprietor of Vernon Manor Trailer Park, spoke of issues he is having since the new water meter was installed in his park. The bill has doubled and a check for leaks indicated that there are no material leaks of water in the park. Utility Superintendent Bullock will work with Mr. Vail and a meter representative to try to determine the cause of the spike.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Rohler reintroduced the 2015 budget, which has been identified as Ordinance 2014-12. Council member Tackett made a motion to accept the ordinance on first read which was seconded by Council member Harshbarger and passed by a unanimous voice vote. Council President Rohler accepted a motion for a second read at the same meeting which received a unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal Van Juillerat reminded Council that it needs to set Halloween hours at its next meeting on October 14th.

Mike Young representing the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department stated that they annual fish-chicken fry was a success and thanked the Town clerk’s office for posting it on utility bills.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock updated the Council on projects his department is working on. He informed Council that they have succeeded in locating the shutoff valve at the old Dana plant. Unfortunately, that valve also shuts water off at three residences on California Street. Bullock stated that the Town will install a new valve that will allow them to shut off the plant while maintaining service to those residents.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson asked that the Council consider the approval of a utility billing policy compiled by Therber, Brock and Associates. This policy would list the Towns protocol for billing and collecting utility payments. It would specify everything issuing bills to assessing liens on property. Therber, Brock and Associates would prepare the document for around \$700.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:17p.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