

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, September 28, 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:

After some discussion on particulars of the prior meeting minutes, Council unanimously approved the minutes from the regular meetings of September 14, 2015. The approved minutes were signed. Council Member Walker requested that the minutes reflect the trade-in amount for the new emergency vehicle. The Clerk-Treasurer stated that it was unknown at that time. He stated that the Town received \$5,500 when it traded the vehicle. She also wanted to note in the minutes that the Council approved the use of tables and chairs for the festival committee's fall program in addition to the emergency vehicles. Johnson stated that tables and chairs were not mentioned due to the fact that they are almost a given when requested.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Kathy Gamble volunteered to head the Park Committee.

Tim Conrad, McKeever Street, expressed his dismay over the Town's continued efforts to seek legal enforcement of a nuisance citation that he feels he has complied with. Council decided to continue the legal action to insure that the property is brought into compliance.

Council President Tackett stated that he has contacted INDOT over the possibility of putting a four-way stop sign at the corner of Main and McKeever Streets.

Mr. Tackett also read a letter from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs that stated that the Town's planning grant has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council reviewed nine resolutions that would reduce the approved appropriations for fiscal year 2015. Some of the resolutions would allow the 2016 budget to equal the entire fund balance while the property tax levied funds were reduced to reduce the total tax rate. Council approved the following resolutions unanimously:

Resolution 2015-4: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the Riverboat Fund.

Resolution 2015-5: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the Rainy Day Fund.

Resolution 2015-6: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the General Fund.

Resolution 2015-7: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the MVH Fund.

Resolution 2015-8: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the Fire Fund.

Resolution 2015-9: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the Cumulative Fire Fund.

Resolution 2015-10: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the Park Fund.

Resolution 2015-11: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the CCD Fund.
Resolution 2015-12: A Resolution to reduce approved appropriation in the Law Education Fund.

Council approved all the Resolutions by a unanimous voice vote.

Council President Tackett introduced Ordinance 2015-2, the 2016 Budget. The Ordinance was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Council approved a waiver of the rules to allow a second vote at the same meeting at which the ordinance was first introduced by a unanimous voice vote. Council adopted Ordinance 2015-2 on second reading, signed the ordinance and signed Form 4.

Council approved disbursing \$100 to the Andrews Community Helpers.

Council approved Halloween hours of 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday October 30th and Saturday October 31st.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal VanOver requested permission to add a new reserve officer. Council approved the request by consensus. VanOver stated that with only two part-time officers and three reserves, it is difficult to cover all the hours needed for the Town. VanOver also suggested that residents call the 786-3551 number when attempting to contact the police department.

Utility Superintendent Bullock stated that new roofs have been put on the water and wastewater buildings. He also stated that all the new fire hydrants have been installed. Council approved his request to seek out the cost of new vehicles and to begin the process of selling off the old equipment. Bullock was asked to replace a stop sign on Washington Street as soon as possible and to put street signs on East Monroe Street. A streetlight by the new bridge and a sign for the cemetery were also discussed.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:20 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