

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members John Harshbarger, Bonnie Walker and William Johnson were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Council President Harshbarger opened a public hearing on Ordinance 2016-5 An Ordinance Amending the Town Code of Andrews, Indiana to Modify Existing Rates and Charges for the Water Department of Andrews. Resident Cheryl Chopson from 212 E Columbia Street asked council if there is a provision in the Ordinance for residents to water lawns, power wash and water flowers. Harshbarger replied there is a separate ordinance to address those kinds of water usage, although Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell indicated the summer sprinkler clause is so complicated that it needs to be rewritten to fit with the current billing software. The Clerk-Treasurer's office will look into updating the summer sprinkler and bring to council in order to have in effect for next summer. The increase will raise the water rate from \$23.81 to \$38.45 for 4000 gallons of water per month. Council member explained the town is out of options as the wells and infrastructure need work, not to mention the Water Operating fund currently has a deficit. Council member Johnson explained the increase to residents.

Without any further comments, a motion was made by William Johnson to close the public hearing, seconded by Bonnie Walker which was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meetings of June 21 and June 27, 2016, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

Council President Harshbarger announced council would now consider Ordinance 2016-5 An Ordinance Amending the Town of Andrews Indiana to Modify Existing Rates and Charges for the Water Department of Andrews. William Johnson made the motion to accept Ordinance 2016-5 on the first read, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by William Johnson to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading, second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2016-5 was read the second time. Johnson also suggested to council to add additional monies into the General Fund budget to offset residents paying so much toward hydrant rental. Residents were opposed to the suggestion. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-5 on second read, second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously. Dillon suggested that council start the new rate with the billing cycle of September billed on October 1, 2016. Council agreed with the start date. Johnson made a motion that the new rates would go into effect with the September consumption billed on October 1, 2016, second by Walker. Motion passes unanimously.

The next order of business was proposals for the Asset Management Plan in order to put an application for the State of Indiana LAP Grant. Three quotes were submitted to council with

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Jones Petrie Rafinski at \$3,000.00, Strand at \$12,000.00 and Butler Fairman & Seufert was \$6,365.00. Bonnie Walker made a motion to accept the \$3,000.00 proposal from Jones Petrie Rafinski. Second by William Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda is the proposal for engineering services for the Wastewater Control Facility Rehabilitation. Mike Hartburg and Colin Bullock have reviewed the changes to the contract. The town is currently investigating a Bond Anticipation Note for various costs so Strand Associates can start the project. Most of the cost will be repaid with State Revolving Loan funds. Jim McNulty stated to council of a change order because of a mandated phosphates regulation from IDEM. William Johnson made a motion to accept the contract from Strand Associate and approve paying Strand for upfront costs. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passes unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution 2016-7 A Resolution Making a Preliminary Determination to Issue Sewage Works Revenue Bonds of the Town of Andrews Indiana was read by council member John Harshbarger. The note will be a five year note. Motion by William Johnson to accept Resolution 2016-7 A Resolution Making a Preliminary Determination to Issue Sewage Works Revenue Bonds of the Town of Andrews Indiana, second by Bonnie Walker motion passes unanimously.

Barnes & Thornburg will provide services as Bond Counsel for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. William Johnson made a motion to make Barnes & Thornsborg the Town of Andrews Bond Council for the Wastewater Treatment Rehabilitation. Second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Council and Jim McNulty discussed the proposals for geotechnical engineering letters. The letters are due on July 13 from contractors. Quotes will be reviewed at the July 25, 2016 meeting.

We have not seen an official approval for the 60 day extension for the notice of violation and proposed agreed order.

Quotes were read for the Main Street Project with Iron Clad at \$32,500.00 and Fleck Trenching at \$25,668.00. William Johnson made a motion to accept the contract of \$25,668.00 from Fleck Trenching for the Main Street Project, a repair to water lines from Main and McKeever Street running south to the Loon Creek Bridge at the bottom of the hill. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passes unanimously.

Quotes were read for the Jefferson Street Project with Ryan Till Concrete at \$28,700.00, Beemer Construction \$33,260.00 and Dan Stoffel, Inc. \$54,776.00. Motion made by William Johnson to accept Ryan Till's proposal of \$28,700.00. Second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

In other business council instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to compose a letter to the Huntington Township Trustee to speak with the Huntington Township Advisory Board in regard to renegotiating the contract between the Town of Andrews and the Huntington Township Volunteer Fire Department. Council member Harshbarger feels the town is subsidizing the Huntington Township Fire Department. Council stated that Huntington Township pays less than

Dallas Township to the town. Council's recommendation would be to change the contract to \$35,000.00 for the 2017 budget.

Jay Rhoades of the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department gave council copies of quotes to place a generator at the fire department and town hall in case of a power outage. Additional quotes will be researched and discussed at the meeting on July 25, 2016.

Huntington County Dispatch will be changing the 911 computer software to Spillman instead of CISCO which currently runs the 911 dispatch system. The total county system is estimated at \$876,944.00 which will partially be funded from the county 911 fund (\$418,486.00) leaving \$458,458.00 to be funded by the City, County and all small towns. The Town of Andrews share would be \$11,416.45 and will be placed into the 2017 Public Safety LOIT budget.

Council discussed the contract between the town and the Town Marshall and Deputy Marshall. Harshbarger questioned if Austin Bullock has signed the contract agreeing to repay for schooling and other items if he leaves the Town's employment in the first five years of employment.

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon informed council the increase of the liability and workers compensation insurance policies when up \$502.00. William Johnson made a motion to accept the insurance policies, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passes unanimously.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approved accounts payable claims, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passes with a unanimous voice vote.

Helen Goble from the Andrews Lions Club came before council to request \$100.00 as a donation for the Andrews Summer Festival parade winners. William Johnson made a motion to give the Andrews Loins Club \$100.00, second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Johnson to adjourn the meeting, second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
JOHN HARSHBARGER            COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
BONNIE WALKER                COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
WILLIAM JOHNSON              COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
LAURA A DILLON                CLERK-TREASURER