

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 2016**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on June 13, 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. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meetings of May 23, 24 and 27, 2016, seconded by William Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Matthew Farthing was sworn into the position of Deputy Town Marshall. His official hire date will be June 13, 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council President Harshbarger announced council would consider Resolution 2016-6 Town of Andrews Credit Card Policy. Harshbarger informed residents this policy is to insure all town employees use their credit card under strict rules. Council member Johnson questioned the policy because of Ordinance 1996-06 and Resolution 2007-07 which states an employee, if mistakenly uses the town credit card the funds could be repaid. Johnson suggested the ordinance and resolution in place would have to be stricken or amended. Bonnie Walker made a motion to table Resolution 2016-6 until a later meeting.

Council President Harshbarger announced council would now consider Ordinance 2016-4 An Ordinance for Compliance with the Uniform Internal Control Standards and Procedures for Indiana Political Subdivision Pursuant to IND. Code 5-11-1-27. Council tabled Ordinance 2016-4 until the next meeting.

Harshbarger presented a letter from attorney DeLaney Hartburg Roth & Garrott LLP stating an increase of \$5.00 on the hourly billing for services rendered starting in 2017. William Johnson made a motion to accept the quote from Hartburg's office, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Harshbarger informed residents the town owns 37 acres at the end of Terrell Street. Council was approached by the County Council with the possibility of sites to develop for industrial use. Harshbarger is concerned with the water contamination and very little infrastructure to the site. Another piece of private property on the east side of town has been considered as a potential development area. Councilmember Johnson is a board member on the Huntington County Economic Development Board which is proposing \$25,000.00 for a Phase I and Phase II study of the 37 acre property which the Town of Andrews owns to determine if industrial use is possible. The HCUED board needs a right of entry approved by the Town of Andrews to allow engineers and environmentalists to go on the property. Johnson talked of making a Tax Increment Financing area for both pieces of property but the property on the east side of town would have to be annexed in order to make it a TIF District. The Phase I and Phase II study would determine the environmental concerns, flood problems and would define all the issues that are there. Harshbarger asked if we do the study and the Terrell Street property and it's not feasible would HCUED be willing to investigate the east side property. Johnson will ask the HCUED board those questions.

Council informed residents of the Wastewater agree order from IDEM along with the possibility of some fines. Colin Bullock and Mike Hartburg reviewed the order and suggested we have a meeting with Jim McNulty from Strand help in the reply to IDEM. We will contact Jim McNulty and Mike Hartburg will ask IDEM for an extension to reply.

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Marshall Austin Bullock told council he received approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000.00 of free equipment to put in the Deputy Marshall vehicle. He is also working on identifying the street lights that are not working and get them taken care of. When Bullock took over there were nineteen (19) active warrants and currently there are three (3).

Firefighter Dean Young reported the annual dues can be paid. The fire department would like to purchase twelve (12) Class A shirts which council agreed to the purchase.

Utility superintendent Bullock showed residents a rusted water line with holes that was replaced, explaining this is what his department deals with on an everyday basis. He will be receiving work release inmates to do extra work such as painting curbs, etc. around town. He also talked about the process of quoting sidewalks to get a bench mark of a price to base residents that would like to replace their sidewalks. Council member Harshbarger asked about the Jefferson Street sidewalk that goes to the school. The current 50/50 grant program the State of Indiana is offering could be used to replace the Jefferson Street sidewalks but Jefferson Street would have to be paved at the same time to get the grant money.

Johnson made a motion to accept the claims seconded by Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Tackett asked council about the new town signs. Dillon replied they have been ordered and will check on the date of delivery. Tackett also asked about the status of the Van Juillerat law suit against the town. Harshbarger replied the attorney for Juillerat's attorney is currently asking for more documents and time.

Bruce Piatt resident at 328 S Clifton Street wants to know if the town is going to make a stand on people parking in easement areas. People are parking on his property and tearing up his yard. Harshbarger explained that an easement is part of the roadway. There is a question as to the right of way or an easement. Austin Bullock stated this area is a roadway. If the town wants to make this a no parking area they would have to post as a no parking area.

Rick Wright announced the town park looks good, new mulch is going down and a new flag has been ordered.

Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Walker.

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