

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2016**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on May 9, 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.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 25, 2016. Approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the last meeting council questioned Dillon as to how many residents consume less than 4,000 gallons of water per month. Clerk-Treasurer Dillon reported there were 283 residents out of approximately 415 billed residents. Dillon also reported her office is working to educate residents to help get their water consumption lower. The Norwood Regional Water and Sewer District Board will be meeting in regular session at the Town of Andrews on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. One of the items on their (Norwood) agenda is to consider waiving the forty-five (45) days waiting period for the Town of Andrews to introduce Ordinance 2016-3 in preparation for their OCRA Grant application.

Ordinance 2016-2 An Ordinance Re-establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for the Town of Andrews, Huntington County, Indiana under Indiana Code 36-9-15-5 was read. Council set a public hearing for May 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Council member Johnson made a motion to approved Ordinance 2016-2, second by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed.

Council discussed purchasing new Welcome to Andrews signs from Signs, Etc. Motion by Johnson to purchase three (3) 2 x 4 foot high performance one sided signs, second by Walker. Motion passed.

Rick Wright came before council to discuss upgrading the power system for the bands that will perform at the Andrews Summer Festival. Kathy Gamble gave Rick a phone number for the Little River Band to obtain their electrical requirements.

The second round of income surveys went out Friday, May 6, 2016 for the Low to Moderate Income Survey that is needed to complete the OCRA Grant application.

Council set an Executive Session for Friday, May 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. to review applications for the Deputy Marshall position.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council and residents discussed tall grass and weeds. The Clerk Treasurer's office will have council sign the violation letters, post a copy and mail to the resident's house. This will start the process to get the properties mowed.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Austin Bullock, Town Marshall informed council the new lights are going on the reserve car. He has started issuing e-tickets and will be helping the Summer Festival Committee with Arrest-A-Pest on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

The Fire Department had a successful fundraiser auction on April 23 and will have their annual tenderloin supper on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported he will be cutting trees and continue to repair and replace items at the sewer plant. He is making arrangements to get the street cuts paved. He also brought up that his department is mowing town properties and possibly vacant houses with high grass.

Dillon told council of a recycle program the Andrews Lions Club is promoting. The Clerk Treasurer's office will be looking into the sidewalk project for residents.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Lloyd Simmons, resident at 529 N Colorado Street requested council to vacate the street or right of way between his two properties. Member Harshbarger was not in favor of the street vacation whereas, William Johnson had no issues with the closing. Council member Bonnie Walker had questions and wanted to look at the property. Walker requested council to table until the May 23, 2016 meeting.

Kathy Gamble announced the Summer Festival Committee is having a fundraiser of 5 gallons of laundry soap, dishwashing soap, trash bags and other items. Orders will need to be in by their next meeting on Sunday, May 23, 2016.

CLAIMS

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

William Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Second by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

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