

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, June 22, 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 Michael Rohler were present. Deputy Clerk Sarah Geiger declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Council President Rohler opened a Public Hearing on the proposed Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) prepared by Strand and Associates. The PER is a master utility planning guide for the Towns utilities that addresses the present state of both the water and wastewater plants, options for moving forward, and cost associated with those options. Jim McNulty of Strand and Associates presented the water and storm water sections of the program while Matt Smith of Stand presented the wastewater section of the program. Kristine Christlieb of Region III-A discussed the funding options that would be available to the Town if the project is approved. Several residents expressed concerns over utility rates and contamination issues involved with the proposal. Without any additional comments, President Rohler closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on June 8, 2015 and June 17, 2015. Approved minutes were signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President introduced Resolution 2015-3, a Resolution Approving the Andrews Master Utility Study by the Town Council of the Town of Andrews. The resolution allows the plan to be submitted to the Office of Rural and Community for approval. Council member Harshbarger made a motion to accept the resolution which was seconded by Council member Tackett and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President presented an agreement drafted by the Towns legal counsel that would define the parameters of drilling rights between the Town, the Andrews Dairy Store, and SES Environmental. The agreement would define and establish conditions that all parties would abide by during the term of the agreement. Council approved the signing of the contract by the Town Council President.

Council tabled the utility billing ordinance until Steve Brock of Therber, Brock and Associates can be in attendance.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Council received a bid from Christine R. Ruster and John G Price to purchase the residence at 485 E McKeever Street, which is owned by the Town. Council agreed to the proposal if it is approved by the Towns legal counsel.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshall Juillerat stated that with the exception of the flooding problems that the Town has encountered, everything is else was normal for the month.

Fire Chief Tom Wuensch updated everyone on the current status of the reservoir and other flood related issues. Council approved a request by the Department to send some firefighters off to water training classes.

Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson presented Council with a bid from Harley Asher to purchase the Towns property at 336 W Monroe Street for \$500. Council approved the bid with the understanding that it too will have to be approved by the Towns legal counsel.

Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock addressed several issues confronting his department due to the recent flooding. He was instructed to prioritize paving projects for future consideration.

CLAIMS:

All claims were approved as presented by a unanimous voice vote after brief discussion. The Council also approved the docket that was amended from the June 8, 2015 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council member Tackett asked for the Council to consider selling the two properties on West Jefferson Street to Ted Newsome for \$1 each. Mr. Newsome would keep the properties mowed and since they are in a flood plain, no one is interested in them anyway. Council will seek legal advice before moving forward.

Mr. Tackett also requested the use of the Town's dunk tank for the Baptist Church during a festival that they will be holding. Council approved the request. He also asked Council if a resident could cut up some wood in the compost pile. The Clerk-Treasurer will check on insurance issues before granting permission.

Town Council President Rohler notified everyone that due to a job requirement, he will be leaving the community no later than September 1st of this year. Due to that move, he will be removing his name from this year's municipal ballot and will be stepping down from the Council prior to his leaving the community.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:50 p.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