

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 23, 2015

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on Monday, November 23, 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-Elect Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and that the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting on November 9, 2015 and the Executive session held on November 15, 2015. Approved minutes were signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Tackett stated that the recent rash of burglaries in Town highlighted the need for an additional police officer. Council member Harshbarger reviewed the status of the current force by indicating that when Van Juillerat retired, the Council decided to defer the status of the department until a new Council was elected. They named Deputy Marshall Vanover as interim Marshal until the new Council acted. Harshbarger stated that some consideration was given to contracting the service out to the Sheriff's department but feedback from Town residents indicated that they would prefer their own department. With that said, Council President Tackett announced that the Town would be seeking applications for the Marshal's position. Council instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to post an ad.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Andrews Summer Festival spokesman Chase Stephan presented Council members with fliers advertising the committee's Christmas party. Council President Tackett announced that the Freewill Baptist Church will be sponsoring a community dinner that day, December 12, as well.

Julie Newsome asked Council on the status of the property next to Ted Newsome's property. Council deferred action on the issue until the status of the property can be determined.

Several residents complimented the Town for this year's leaf removal.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the proposed fire protection contract that the Town's legal counsel has drafted. Council member Harshbarger stated that the fee Council should consider is \$35,000 per year. Harshbarger stated that he would contact Huntington Township Trustee Tim Guy to discuss the proposal.

Council stated that a legal ad has been posted for the Town's trash pickup. The bids must be received in the Clerk's office by December 14. Council also tabled the burn ordinance until next meeting to allow for some additional time to consider the bill.

Council President Tackett gave residents e-mail addresses to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Tackett also updated the meeting on the status of the test wells being used by both Stantec and SES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Marshal VanOver was not present. Karl Shockome, representing the Police Department, asked for residents to be aware of thing going on around them and take note of even the slightest suspicious activity. He stated that several leads have been developed as a result of people simply writing down license plate numbers.

Both Fire Chief Tom Wuensch and Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson were absent from the meeting.

Utility Superintendent Bullock updated Council on the status of his department's efforts to prepare for winter.

CLAIMS:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Several residents asked about street lights on North Main near the new bridge. Council President Tackett suggested that the Town continue to work with INDOT and Duke Energy to install additional lighting.

Without any other business, Council adjourned at 7:28 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