

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD APRIL 25, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on April 25, 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 4 and April 11, 2016. Approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steven Brock presented council with a final financial statement of the current rate study for both Water and Wastewater. Brock explained there would need to be a Water and Wastewater rate increase even if we were not proposing a project because of the low cash flow. In order to qualify for the ORCA Grant the wastewater user rates would need to be \$45.18 per month. Then another fee increase for Wastewater to receive the State Revolving Loan would be \$78.85 per user for 4000 gallons of water. Brock presented council with a wastewater ordinance to be introduced. Member Johnson suggested options to offset the cost of the wastewater increase, one being to lower the sanitation fee and possibly make changes to the hydrant rental. Brock indicated to council the rate study would be good for one year to make decisions even if council did nothing with the water rates. William Johnson made a motion to introduce the Wastewater Ordinance 2016-3. Seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

Brock gave council the same study for water broken down in one (1), three (3), five (5) and seven (7) and noted the need to increase water rates according to the scheduled 1-Year Rate of \$35.88 in the study because of the cash flow problems.

Jim McNulty from Strand and Associates provided council with an estimated timeline for the Wastewater project. He will be talking with OCRA to see if the town could get an extension, possibly to twenty-four (24) month to finish the project. He also reminded council of a proposal for extra work on the projects. William Johnson made a motion to approve \$4,500.00 for extra work done on the OCRA grant and State Revolving Loan. Second by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

President Harshbarger read Ordinance 2016-1, An Ordinance to Amend the 2016 Salary Ordinance 2015-3 passed December 28, 2015. Changes include some of the dates as well as rates of pay for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Town Marshal and Deputy Marshal. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1. Seconded by William Johnson motion passed unanimously. William Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 2016-1 on a second reading of Ordinance 2016-1. Seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously. William Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1. Seconded by Bonnie Walker motion passed unanimously.

Dillon presented council with the designs for new sign to be placed on the edge of town. Council had questions and Dillon will bring exact sizes and quotes to the meeting on May 9, 2016.

Harshbarger reminded residents of Spring Cleanup on Friday, May 6, 2016.

A second Low to Moderate Income survey will be going out as we did not receive enough from the first round of mailings. Council encouraged residents to complete the survey and mail.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon gave council the proposed Ordinance 2016-2 An Ordinance to Re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. She informed council they could introduce the ordinance at the May 9th meeting and set the public hearing for May 23, 2016.

Indiana Finance Authority Environmental Programs is requiring towns to perform a water loss audit and an infrastructure needs assessment. Each water utility is asked to perform the audit using software provided at WWW.awwa.org. The results will be submitted to the IFA. Utility Superintendent Bullock will comply by completing the report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Austin Bullock, Town Marshall informed council he is ready to start issuing e-tickets when he finishes training on May 5th and can now issue gun permits. He has purchase a new light bar for the blue Crown Victoria. Golf carts are being registered for on the road driving.

The Fire Department reported they will have their annual tenderloin fund raiser on May 21, 2016 at Fire Department.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported he will be cutting trees and continue to repair and replace items at the sewer plant and repair water lines.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Andrews Summer Festival Committee requested council to fund the bands for Friday night and Saturday night. Council agreed to cap expenses at no more than \$2,000.00.

President Harshbarger wants the door fixed at the Community Building and the cement fixed at the

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