

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 22, 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 February 8, 2016, an executive session on February 16, 2016 and a special meeting on February 16, 2016. Approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

Chad Pigg, Groundbreaking Development, an environmental consultant presented a proposal to begin gathering information from residents and property owners that could be impacted by the ground water contamination from the United Technologies facility in town. Motion was made by William Johnson to accept the proposed contract from Groundbreaking Development. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passed unanimously.

Bill Johnson made a motion to fund \$1,250.00 on a bi-annual basis to each full time employee and the Clerk-Treasurer for their Health Savings Account. Second by Walker, motion passes unanimously.

Council President Harshbarger made council members aware of an update to the nuisance ordinance by the town attorney. The cost of the update would be shared between all the small towns in the county.

Bill Johnson made a motion to approve the cancelled check list from 2011 and 2013 and to deposit the funds back into the appropriation from which they were drawn. Seconded by Walker, motion passes unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Austin Bullock, Town Marshall met with Fire Chief Tom Wuensch. He will be meeting with the Andrews elementary principal on Friday, February 26th to introduce himself and go over emergency policies and procedures. Bullock has met with the county prosecutor and county detectives to review pending cases along with the destruction and purging of evidence. He is also in contact with the DNR officer and Indiana State Police officer (Jeremy Brice) that works our section.

Firefighter Dean Young will have the fire run report at the first meeting in March.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported that he is taking suggestions for improvements to the empty lot at Main and Jefferson Street. Bullock will be replacing concrete at the park.

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Clerk-Treasurer Dillon reminded the board of their Executive Session on February 24, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The town hall will be a satellite voting center on April 22, 2016 from 11:00 – 7:00. This will be the only time our town hall will be open for voting.

Motion by Bonnie Walker to approve a machine for thawing pipes in the winter. The cost of the machine is \$899.99. Second by Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Council stated they will have an Executive Session on Tuesday, February 24, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Terri Boone and Tera Boone were present to give a donation to the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department. Doug Boone grew up in Andrews currently lives in the Norwoods Subdivision. The Boone residence has been the site of numerous first responder calls as a result of Doug's illness. Terri wanted council to acknowledge the great group of firefighters along with their knowledge and compassion.

Ray Tackett questioned the law suit filed against him by Van Juillerat. Council members told Tackett the suit is being handled by the attorneys. Ray also wants to know when the decals are going to be installed on the town vehicles. Mr. Tackett and council members had discussion on the hiring of the new town marshal.

CLAIMS

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

Meeting was adjourned.

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