

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 8, 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 with changes to be made for the January 25, 2016. Amended and approved minutes were signed.

Council unanimously approved the minutes of the executive session on February 5, 2016. Approved minutes were signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Kathy Gamble asked council to look at the electrical system to the north of town hall for the summer festival bands.

Residents asked about the police protection for the town and Harshbarger noted the police schedule is nearly full for the month of February by the part time and reserve officers.

Roger Newsome stated there are unregistered vehicles on town property and residents unloading dirt bikes using the park tennis court as a ramp.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Harshbarger explained the search for a Town Marshall is ongoing. Council did conduct interviews and will continue to receive resumes until February 10th, 2016.

Council member Harshbarger explained the cleanup process at 195 W Jefferson Street. Harshbarger spoke with the Huntington County Health Department and IDEM. The property owners can clean the outside but have six months to have a special contractor disposal of the inside content per notice posted on the property by the Huntington County Health Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steven Brock with Therber, Brock and Associates from Indianapolis appeared to discuss the water and sewer projects and utilities in general. Brock gave a proposal for financial work and to starting a utility rate study. There are two subsidized loan programs which are the State Revolving Loan and OCRA. The SRF documents have been drafted and will be sent to the state. Therber, Brock and Associates have a fee of \$185.00 per hour for financial work performed. Payments will be funded through the project financing. Brock explained the last time users fees were increased for sewer was 2012. The fee proposal was given to council members for both utilities. Johnson reassured residents that this council is moving forward with every option to upgrade both the sewer and water system at the lowest cost for the town. Motion was made by William Johnson to accept Brock's proposal for a water and sewage rate study. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passed unanimously. The preliminary report will be presented to council at the March 14, 2016.

Resolution 2016 – 3, Adjustment to Balance the 2015 Budget. Motion was made by Johnson to accept Resolution 2016 – 3. Second by Walker, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No report from the police department. Council member Johnson thanked firefighter Dean Young for the new fire report given to council members. Young also reported the fire department needed to order three new sets of AED pads for their heart defibulator. The fire department will be applying for a grant through Parkview Huntington Hospital for a new defibulator.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported that the balance of the trash totes will be delivered to residents this week. Bullock is working on a plugged pump at the waste water plant. His department is doing maintenance on all police cars and equipment.

Clerk-Treasurer Dillon presented an adjustment to a water and sewer bill to council and spoke with council about contacting the school corporation to setup a meeting in regards to their gasoline pump system for sale.

Motion by Bonnie Walker to approve a machine to 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 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

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