

ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD MARCH 28, 2016

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 28, 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 March 14 and an executive session on March 18, 2016. Approved minutes were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steven Brock informed council and residents that he will have the preliminary water and sewer rate study report done by the meeting of April 11, 2016.

Dillon updated council on the gasoline pump system. A new concrete pad has been laid between the pumps to place the accounting system tower. Andrews will make the purchase for \$200.00 from the HCCS.

John Harshbarger announced the Low to Moderate Income Survey is in progress. He stressed the importance of completing the survey and dropping in the mail in order to avoid a second mailing. He also explained that Norwood and Yakes subdivision are included in the study.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Huntington County Commissioners Tax Sale is scheduled for April 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. There is currently a property at 760 Colorado Street (Douglas and Vicki Harris) that the town could purchase. William Johnson would like to wait until after the April 13th date to see if the property sells at Commissioners Tax Sale. Currently there is \$3,249.30 owed for delinquent property taxes, penalties and an enforcement order the Town of Andrews has placed on the property. Harshbarger stated there would need to be additional excavation and demolition to the property if the town acquires the property.

The town attorney is preparing a Revision to the Town Code for Nuisances and the State Board of Accounts Internal Control Standards. The Internal Control Standards will need to be in place before July 1, 2016. Motion was made by William Johnson to instruct the town attorney to move forward with the Nuisance Code and the Internal Control Code. Second by Bonnie Walker, motion passed unanimously.

John Harshbarger read the legal notice for a Public Hearing to be held on April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the Community Development Block Grant (CDGB). This meeting is to move forward with the \$600,000.00 in grant funds for the Wastewater Plant Project.

William Johnson spoke with Jim McNulty from Strand Associates about cost incurred by Strand Associates over and above the amount they have been paid for the planning grant. They are in charge of filing the preliminary engineering report, attend any meetings associated with the grant procedure. They are requesting an hourly rate for services with a total amount not to exceed \$4,500.00. No action was taken at this time.

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The town spring cleanup will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Austin Bullock, Town Marshall informed council he is ready to start the hiring process for a new Deputy Marshall. The add will be placed in the Herald Press and the TAB. Bullock will begin the process of issuing golf cart permits. Residents may make an appointment with him to have their cart registered. Gun permits will once again be processed in the town marshal’s office.

Firefighter Dean Young thanked the Andrews Community Helpers for their work on the Easter Egg Hunt held on March 26, 2016. Firefighter’s auction is to be held on April 24, 2016.

Dillon reported the school lunch will begin on June 1 and run through July 29 from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Andrews Park. Delinquent water and sewerage bills are a priority for the Clerk-Treasurer as she is continuing to contact customers with 60 and 90 day arranges. Dillon will be working with the Fire Department as to their funding and budgeting for 2017.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent reported he will be starting on cutting trees, continue repairing and replacing water lines.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Tim Conrad, 167 W McKeever came before council stating everything on his property are things that he could use. John Harshbarger has compiled a list of nuisance violations and taken photos of the Conrad property. Council and Conrad looked at the photos, discussed the issues and decided that an arbitrator would be the best solution. Dillon will contact the town attorney to proceed.

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. 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