ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD FEBUARY 27, 2017

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Andrews Municipal Building in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members William Johnson, John Harshbarger and Bonnie Walker were present. Clerk-Treasurer Laura Dillon declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes for the meetings of February 13th, February 24th executive session and February 24th 2017, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Johnson announced council met on Friday, February 24, 2017 to receive proposals for a grant administrator in order to select an administrator before the wastewater treatment plant construction is advertised for bidding. Region 3A was the only proposal received. Shawn Tilghman was present from Regional 3A to interview and answer questions from council. Bonnie Walker asked Tilghman questions regarding his background and his comfort level with a project this large. He indicated he is comfortable and has a staff to help at Regional 3A. Council talked with Tilghman about the process of coordinating a time line with council, bond council and others. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve Regional 3A as the grant administrator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Project, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

Bonnie Walker attended a meeting with Huntington County Community Development and Region 3A in preparation for a comprehensive planning grant. The town would be required to have a five year comprehensive plan in place to apply for the grant with the other communities in the county. Dillon will contact other communities to look at their plans.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Newsome, representing the Andrews Community Helpers and Andrews Summer Festival came before council to ask council if the helpers could use the fire truck, with help from firefighter's to deliver the Easter bunny to the fire department for the annual Easter egg hunt. Council was agreeable to the request. Newsome also went into the summer festival upcoming events. The Pizza Hut fundraiser will be March 27th, 2017. A new fundraiser is being planned for May 12th and 13th with the help of Triton Greenhouse. Newsome is asking to use the building and parking lot in order to have a plant sale. She also asked council to pay for the bands that will play on the festival weekend of August 11th and 12th, 2017. William Johnson asked if the council could see some kind of profit and loss statement on funding for the festival. He stated the town should know how the funds are being used if residents had questions. Newsome replied the funds requested from the town are specific to the bands and do not involve other funding the festival committee raises. She will get something together for council members.

Adrian Haverstat, town attorney prepared an agreement between town council and Kaitlyn Ashbaugh, 737 N Colorado Street. Ashbaugh came before council at the February 24th meeting to ask if Ruby Street could be vacated so she could put up a fence. Ruby is an unused street that splits her property. The agreement is for Ashbaugh to install a fence around her property which includes the unused street and if the town ever needs use of the street she would have to remove the fence from the street. Members were agreeable with the contract. A signed copy will be given to the Huntington County Community Development Department to keep on file.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock reported he received the new police vehicle and is currently getting ready to put on the new equipment.

Bullock reported he purchased a new salt spreader as they could not repair the old one. It will go on the Dodge one ton truck. He told council he would like to have the sidewalk on McKeever Street replaced this summer.

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

John Harshbarger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bonnie Walker.

APPROVED BY WILLIAM K JOHNSON

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY

BONNIE WALKER

COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY

JOHN HARSHBARGER

COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY

LAURA A DILLON

CLERK-TREASURER