

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 8, 2019**

- A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 8, 2019 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.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 195 W JEFFERSON STREET

A public hearing was called by the Huntington County Department of Community Development for 195 W Jefferson Street. Marla Stambazze was present and stated the siding is completely off, patio door and basement door is open. The front door is so overgrown that you can not go in the door. Stambazze recommended the property be demolished. This is the third time the property has been up for unsafe housing violations. The man that owned the property is deceased and his son is listed on the property but can not be contacted. A letter from a neighbor, Steven Shenefield, living at 217 W Jefferson Street was presented to council stating the property was unsafe. The deadline for communication with property owners is July 20, 2019. John Harshbarger made a motion to uphold the violation until July 20, 2019 and come back to council with demolish bids at the July 22, 2019, seconded by Bonnie Walker. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk-Treasurer will place 195 W Jefferson Street on the agenda for the July 22, 2019 meeting.

Marla also wanted to update council with unsafe building inspections in town. An inspection will be held on July 18, 2019 at 46 & 48 Main Street since nothing has been done since a fire in December of 2017. On July 17 there will also be an inspection of the Anitoch Mobile Home Park.

Bonnie made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the council minutes with changes as noted for the public meeting on June 24, 2019, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mandy Woods submitted a contract proposal for preparation of an updated Comprehensive Plan. Costs and options were discussed as Woods proposal was for \$10,000.00. President Johnson met with the Huntington County Department of Community Development and stated to council that Jessica Campbell is willing to help compile information for the Comprehensive Plan with the help from someone in Andrews at no cost. Bonnie Walker volunteered to help Jessica with the plan.

The update on Lot 12 in Anitoch Mobile Home Park is not unsafe, but is still unfit for human habitation and may still have some rodent problems. July 17 DCD will inspect the entire park.

President Johnson wanted to discuss round two of the Community Crossing Paving Grant. Johnson suggested council approve an application for round two (2) of 2019. The street he wants to see paved is Hendricks and South Street. Council gave their approval. Dillon will start preparations for the application.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2019-3, Unsafe Building Law (currently in Chapter as 150.30-.33) This ordinance will amend Chapter as 150.30-.33 to designate the Town Council as the Hearing Authority, add clarity by specifying certain conditions which constitute an unsafe building and prescribe monetary penalties for violations. Council Member John Harshbarger made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2019-3, seconded by Council Member Bonnie Walker. Motion passed 3-0. Council Member John Harshbarger made a motion to suspend the rules

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and have a second reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Walker. Motion passed 3-0. Council member Harshbarger made a motion to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance 2019-3 Unsafe Building Law (currently in Chapter as 150.30-.33) An Ordinance to amend Chapter as 150.30-.33 to designate the Town Council as the Hearing Authority, add clarity by specifying certain conditions which constitute an unsafe building and prescribe monetary penalties for violations, seconded by Council Walker. Motion passed with voice vote 3-0. Ordinance signed.

Ordinance 2019-4, Supplement to the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Andrews, Indiana. This ordinance will codify the approved ordinances for the years 2017 and 2018 into the town code book. Council Member Bonnie Walker made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2018-7, seconded by Council Member John Harshbarger. Motion passed 3-0. Council Member John Harshbarger made a motion to suspend the rules and have a second reading of the Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Walker. Motion passed 3-0. Council member Walker made a motion to adopt on second and final reading Ordinance 2019-4, Supplement to the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Andrews, Indiana, and An ordinance to codify the approved ordinances for the years 2017 and 2018 into the town code book, seconded by Council Harshbarger. Motion passed with voice vote 3-0. Ordinance signed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Marshall Austin Bullock reported he has been awarded \$1,500.00 from Norfolk & Southern Railroad grant which will go for a portion of the purchase of two new radios. He wanted to make residents aware of updating their golf cart permits for 2019. Bullock told council he will be at Camp Hero with the Huntington County Sheriff's Department the week of July 8-12th. He is continuing to work on mowing and trash violations and reminded residents not to blow grass clippings into the road.

No personnel from the Fire Department were present.

Colin Bullock, Utility Superintendent and his staff are beginning to work on cutting and trimming trees. He is still waiting on the water service pump.

Laura Dillon, Clerk Treasurer asked council to set a meeting to speak with Jay Stankiewicz from Fleis&Vanderbrink to discuss the original McKeever Street contract and the supplemental contract. Council agreed to set an executive session at 5:00 p.m. on July 22, 2019 before the regular session. Dillon relayed to council she has contacted the Huntington County Surveyor's Office and they will speak with Jay Davis, 431 E California Street about the drainage problem on his property.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Helen Goble representing the Lion's Club requested council approval to pay \$75.00 for one band for the Summer Festival parade and \$150.00 for the prizes to the bands. Bonnie Walker made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously.

Summer festival chairperson, Julie Newsome asked council to sign a document to close State Road 105 (Main Street) for the festival weekend of August 10-11, 2019.

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- Mike Clabaugh came before council to discuss his mother's (Elizabeth Bigelow) home at 28 N Chestnut Street. He is still concerned about the water running down the street during a large rain event. Colin will meet with Clabaugh at the house this week to talk about a solution.

Cheryl Chopson, 212 W Columbia Street came before council to complain about the adjacent properties that have tall grass and chopped wood lying around the property causing her to have ground hogs. Marshall Bullock has been trying to trap the ground hogs. The clerk-treasurer's office will start the violation process to property owners.


Bonnie Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved this 22th day of July, 2019.

APPROVED BY  as
WILLIAM K JOHNSON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL MEMBER

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BONNIE WALKER COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as
LAURA A DILLON CLERK-TREASURER

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