

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD DECEMBER 14, 2020**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Andrews Town Hall in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members John Harshbarger, Laura Dillon, and Roger Newsome, Jr were in attendance. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue. Powell attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve council minutes for a public meeting held on November 23, 2020. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Eric Woodmansee, AME Consulting, announced INDOT just awarded the Town its full request for CCMG 2020-2, which will allow the paving of Leedy Lane, finish the last section of the storm water project from State St to Leedy Lane along E McKeever St, and pave W McKeever St from the bridge to Snowden St. He will start working on the project plans after the first of the year and hopes to have bids by early March. DC Construction submitted their first pay request today for CCMG 2020-1 work. Woodmansee hopes to schedule a meeting between Councilmembers and DC Construction to resolve the last of the issues the Town has with the recently completed job. Discussion included the waviness of the street from Jackson to State Streets and low-set manhole covers. The meeting is tentatively set for December 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM to discuss the substandard work with DC Construction.

An update on 237 E Columbia St by attorney Adrian Halverstadt revealed the deeded owner of the property did not show up for a scheduled site inspection last Wednesday. In addition, Kim Hostetler received a hostile phone call from a representative of the owner on Friday. Halverstadt next informed the property owner's attorney of the development, informing him of tonight's meeting, and has yet to receive a response. There was no representative for the property owner at the meeting. Halverstadt recommended to first raise the defense to resolve the litigation, then make an additional request for bids and move forward with the order of enforcement once the lawsuit is closed out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kim Hostetler, Huntington County DCD, presented a group of ordinances to Council for approval. She explained why the County DCD was amending certain sections to the Town of Andrews Official Zoning Code. The Andrews Plan Commission certified a favorable recommendation for all the amendments on October 14, 2020. Most of the amendments pertain to the Solar Energy System (SES) Ordinance, but also include sections on flag lots, number of principal structures per lot, and definitions of domestic animals and kennels. Council President Harshbarger disagreed with Ordinance 2020-12 Amending Section 715: Amend Number of Principal Structures (2 Homes, One Lot) which would potentially allow a single-wide mobile home to be placed on a single lot and used as a guest house with Andrews BZA approval. Much discussion took place on this topic. Laura Dillon made a blanket motion to approve all Ordinances presented except for 2020-12. Newsome provided a second and the motion was approved unanimously. Harshbarger next asked to suspend the rules in order to allow a second reading at the same meeting. Dillon so moved and Newsome provided a second. The motion carried 3-0. Harshbarger asked again for a motion to approve all Ordinances except for 2020-12. Dillon moved to do so, and Newsome made a second. The motion was unanimously approved.



DCD gave an unsafe update on 421 S Clifton St. The property owners have made much progress on tearing down the old garage, however they have no plan to remove all the debris. Town Marshal Bullock spoke with the owners and advised them to bring a dumpster onsite to clean it up. Council will get another update at the December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mark Wickersham, HCUED, presented contract proposal for a 2021 Service Contract. He summarized HCUED's 2020 activities for Council. Former Council Member and Clerk-Treasurer Bill Johnson, and current HCUED Board Member, remarked on the benefit he feels Wickersham and HCUED provide to the Andrews community. Dillon made a motion to accept the HCUED 2021 Service Contract. Newsome made a second and the motion carried 3-0.

CARES Act Ordinance 2020-16 was read for the first time and tabled until the December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Powell presented a contract to Council for approval that would allow Hartburg, Roth, Garrott to represent the Town and participate in the 2021 TRECS program. This will allow the collection of outstanding debts owed to the Town's utility department by intercepting personal state income tax refunds. Harshbarger signed on behalf of Council after they unanimously agreed to participate.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported on the repairs made to the Deputy Marshal's vehicle. He also gave an update on purchasing the necessary police equipment to complete the new vehicle.

Fire Department: No one was present from the Fire Department.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock was not in attendance and Council President Harshbarger said Colin would be working from home for the time being.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell told Council she signed the Boyce Disaster Recovery Contract for 2021, which allows Boyce to daily grab electronic files for storage at an offsite location. She also explained the Families First Coronavirus Response Act regarding payroll for COVID positive employees. Powell then asked Council to consider a deep cleaning and disinfection of the Town Hall, including the air ducts. After brief discussion, it was decided to move forward with the request and obtain quotes. Also due to COVID, a request was made to carry over unused vacation hours into 2021 if needed. Council agreed to let Powell do so for affected employees.

### **CLAIMS**

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**


Ed Asher asked Council for financial assistance with a sewer hookup for property he owns on E California St. Asher currently has a storage building on the property but would like to add water and sewer service for an apartment. He informed Council that there is no tap on the north side of California St. Council will ask Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock to inspect the area and make a recommendation once he returns to work. The request was tabled for now.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

APPROVED BY  as  
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as  
LAURA A DILLON COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY  as  
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as  
LAURY L POWELL CLERK-TREASURER