

## **ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD APRIL 12, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on April 12, 2021 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.

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve council minutes for a regular session held March 22, 2021, as well as an Executive Session from March 25, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Antioch Mobile Home Park, Lot 16: Robert Mathess, manager of Antioch MHP, reported that the Court gave the park owner possession of the lot, but not the trailer. Unsure of how to proceed with the cleanup at this point, he asked for Council's permission to enter the trailer. Laura Dillon reported that a title search has been ordered and questioned Mathess how the MHP plans to move forward. According to Mathess, the park owner Brian Salerno would like the trailer cleaned, so it is livable. The Council would not give Mathess permission to enter the trailer and made it clear to reuse the condemned trailer is not acceptable in Andrews. It must be removed. Brant Ricker, DCD, suggested Mathess again try to contact the decedent's family for permission to enter. This matter was tabled until the next meeting; and in the meantime, Council will contact attorney Adrian Halverstadt.

H & H Disposal: Dan Stoffel, co-owner, reported that the original Spring Cleanup Flyer looks acceptable to him. However, he does prefer yard waste and brush be taken to the town's brush pile at the end of Terrel Street since it is not allowed at the landfill. He also reminded everyone his company will not pick up hazardous materials and large appliances or furniture that do not bend or compact. On May 7th, the H&H trucks will empty the totes and pick up small items on the first pass. Then the trucks will go around a second time to pick up the remaining large items. Laury Powell reported that she received several calls from residents stating their trash is not being picked up, and that trash is being left on the street after falling out of an overfilled truck. Julie Newsome reported that her trash pickup had been missed; but when she called the H & H Disposal office, they were very responsive and sent a truck back out that morning. All residents were reminded to set totes out Thursday evening for early Friday pickup.

237 Columbia Street: Nothing has changed according to Brant Ricker, DCD. John Harshbarger reported that someone has expressed an interest in purchasing the property and then remodeling or removing it for a new built.

75 S. Main Street: Brant Ricker, DCD, reported no response from the owner for an interior inspection. Brant said an Order of Enforcement is forthcoming from what is seen on the outside of the structure.

57 N. Main: Laura Dillon reported that she had talked with the owner about the condition of the property and if there is no response from the owner soon then the council will be in contact with Ricker.

Sidewalks: Council agreed to incrementally pay the contractor as work is completed in segments throughout the sidewalk improvement project. The quote was detailed and priced per section, or business front. Laura Dillon reported that she received quotes for 4 picnic tables and 6 benches to enhance the downtown sidewalk improvement project. One quote is \$6,200.00 and the second quote is



for \$5,700.00. If council accepts the \$5,700.00 quote now, which they did, then she is prepared to take her proposal to HCUED and the County for CEDIT moneys. Total cost for the entire sidewalk improvement project, including the addition of tables and benches, would be \$37,00.00 to \$40,000.00. If County CEDIT does not pay for the benches and tables, then Council will need to figure out how to pay for the enhancement if they wish to keep it.

Laury Powell reported she spoke with Mike Hartburg concerning the Improvement on Town Property Agreement. This agreement relates to the installation of a generator for the air stripper near the water plant. Work cannot begin until the agreement is signed, however materials can be brought on site in anticipation of the future work. Attorney Hartburg will move forward with the agreement and expects Raytheon to sign it this week. Council stated they are still waiting on drawings for the roof on the well house. Hartburg has not heard from the attorney for the Dollar General owner regarding the wastewater service agreement and has reached out to them again. Powell added she heard today from Dollar General's Accounts Payable Department and set up an account.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

791 N. Main Street: Brant Ricker, DCD, reported that a vacate order had been issued to clean out the inside of the home.

Fire Protection Agreement with Dallas Township: Julie Newsome said that if any changes need made to the current contract, she would like to know soon as she is compiling figures for the 2022 budget. After Council has had time to review the fee structure, she will return to the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and discuss the possibility of a percentage increase to the new fire contract.

No parking warning, drainage problem: Randy Decker, 221 S Market Street, stated that he had received a warning to not park on the sidewalk. He says the sidewalk is a dead end and not frequently traveled. It was explained that ordinances are enforced fairly across town, no exceptions. He also complained that a new drain on his property is not functional. Colin Bullock stated that he would regrade the area to see if that would take care of the issue. An old and grown over, non-functional drain on the north side of his sidewalk can also be removed according to Bullock.

Vacate alley request: A planned fencing improvement project brought Cathy Johnson before Council with a request to vacate the alley that runs east and west on the south side of her property, which is also used by Phil Sunderman as a driveway, as well as vacating an unimproved alley on the east side of her property. The Johnson's existing fence is not compliant with zoning regulations and currently is in the right-of-way. Council understands the Johnson's situation and looks favorably upon her request. Cathy was informed that she needs to hire an attorney and surveyor to proceed. She will also need to include an easement agreement since there are utilities in the right-of-way on the east side of her property. Once complete, the right-of-way would be equally split between the two adjacent properties on either side. Cathy was advised to first check with Kim Hostetler at DCD and inquire if a zoning variance request would work in this situation.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported that the new car is on the road and running well. He discussed the necessity of new in-car radios due to a frequency change, such as the fire department has done. However, no grants will be available through the County for police. He presented a quote for a new in-car radio from ERS Wireless/Motorola in the amount of \$3,635.34. Bullock plans to purchase a total of 3 radios as the Police Equipment budget allows. Council approved the purchase of one radio at this time.



Fire Department: Dean Young stated all members were briefed at their last meeting on policy and procedures to report injuries and incidents for insurance purposes.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock said work has begun at the park with mulch and trees. A stump grinder is still needed at the park. Several water leaks have been repaired in town, including one that Antioch MHP fixed on their property. Bullock said there is still another leak in Andrews his department has been unable to locate. Problems with electronics that control the raw pumps at the wastewater plant recently caused the basement to fill with water. Colin is working with the manufacturer to correct the situation, ideally without costing the town money. Utility employees have begun cleaning sewer lines using the vactor truck, which may cause odor to infiltrate select homes for a short period of time. There is no update yet from Paul Vincent on the leftover SRF wastewater plant money. Peerless Midwest started flow testing Wells 2 and 3. Tim Hill, from Peerless, and Susan Hall, with Stantec, were present during the flow testing along with Certified Water Operator Brian Cochran. Bullock has no quotes yet for the removal of bad trees along N. Main Street.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell stated HCCSC will hold its summer food program at the town park from June 2 – July 23, exception on July 2, from 10:55-11:15 a.m. weekdays. She then presented a draft ordinance relating to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) for council to review and consider for approval at the next meeting. Powell also said the computer upgrade in the Clerk's office went well, but she did learn the door access software will be outdated soon and no longer supported should it malfunction. Two cloud-based replacement options, along with quotes, were given to Council for consideration. Powell then asked Council when the Town Hall should reopen to the public, and that once opened, she will seek estimates for cleaning services from insured contractors. It was agreed to reopen the Town Hall to the public on April 13, 2021.

### **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**

Annette Little, art teacher at Andrews Elementary, proposed a plan to build a community harvest garden in Andrews. She is searching for vacant ground the Town may own that would support the venture. Water access would be a bonus to allow for the installation of an irrigation system. Mrs. Little hopes to tackle the planning and construction phase now with the gardens in full production next year. A packet containing details was given to each council member.

Since he has been asked several times, Deputy Marshal Dean Young asked whether the fill dirt, millings, and rocks located at the end of Terrel Street were available for town residents to use. Colin Bullock stated residents should call his office during business hours to get permission first, and that the large rocks are currently reserved for town use.

Helen Felver, 186 S Berry St, questioned if her house was included in the FEMA Buyout, to which Council replied it was not.


No other business was brought before Council at this time.

Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

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