

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 23, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on August 23, 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 August 9, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING-VACATE ALLEY REQUEST

The Public Hearing opened at 6:03 p.m. Attorney Justin Wall, on behalf of Bill and Cathy Johnson at 215 S Main St, explained that all legal notices have been complied with and presented a petition to vacate public way, affidavit and proof of notice, and Ordinance 2021-12 to the Council for consideration. Attorney Wall requested that the Council approve the alley vacation request. After brief discussion and with there being no comment from anyone in attendance, the Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m. Laura Dillon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-12, a petition to vacate certain public-ways; the motion was seconded by Roger Newsome and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

75 S Main St: Jessica Campbell, Huntington DCD, reported that the owner has a contractor ready to begin work on the roof in 3 weeks and that they are continuing to work on cleaning out the building. Jessica requested an extension of the order of enforcement. Council agreed to extend the order for an additional 90 days.

Sidewalk Improvement Project: Eric Woodmansee reported that he received a revised quote from Bolinger Concrete, however the quote did not split out the various expenses. He will contact Bolinger to verify the ramp costs for the Sports Bar and Ice Cream Vault.

CCMG-2020-2 Project: Eric Woodmansee reported that the milling will begin September 2nd followed by paving on September 7th. He also stated he is consulting with Attorney Hartburg on how to close the CCMG 2020-1 Project with INDOT since DC Construction has not been cooperative in completing the job to the Town's satisfaction. Litigation and a claim on their performance bond may become necessary.

Water Well Relocation Project: Eric Woodmansee presented the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs to Council, which is part of the Professional Engineering Report (PER) that will be submitted to SRF. The document contains engineer's cost estimates for the project, an overview exhibit relating to the three probable sites, and the path of a proposed 12-inch water main coming into town from the south. Woodmansee suggested the Town may want to get easements from property owners on SR 105 since the right-of-way could be tight with other utilities.

Mike Kleinpeter discussed recent OCRA adjustments, most notably that OCRA and SWIF now work together; and the five steps required to apply for OCRA: a Preliminary Engineering Report which Woodmansee is working on; qualification by income survey or census data which the Town qualifies automatically by census data since all water customers are within the town limits; an Environmental Review which likely will include an Archaeological Reconnaissance Report because the probable sites are undisturbed farm land; the acquisition following the Uniform Relocation Act to acquire easements

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and land options; and the Financing. Discussion was held on the three proposed sites, and best strategy to meet the approaching deadlines with SWIF, SRF, and OCRA programs. Since interest rates are low, Kleinpeter suggested the Town look to Steve Brock for a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to help fund the soft costs out front of this project. The SWIF funding announcement is expected on Friday, August 27th, and Council hopes to receive the full \$5 Million requested thereby alleviating the pressure of coordinating all three funding sources.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2021-24: John Harshbarger read the synopsis which was to supplement, clarify, and amend Ordinance 2021-8 relating to the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and Plan for the Town of Andrews. Laura Dillon moved to pass the ordinance; Roger Newsome seconded that motion. Ordinance 2021-24 was approved unanimously.

Resolution 2021-5: Intent to Purchase Real Estate was read by John Harshbarger. This action officially appoints the appraisers and states the town's intent to purchase the Newsome property, 255 W Jefferson St., for the FEMA Buyout. Laura Dillon moved to pass the resolution; Roger Newsome seconded the motion. Resolution 2021-5 was approved unanimously.

Resolution 2021-6: Intent to Purchase Real Estate was read by John Harshbarger. This action officially appoints the appraisers and states the town's intent to purchase the Dobson property, 240 W McKeever St., for the FEMA Buyout. Laura Dillon moved to pass the resolution; Roger Newsome seconded the motion. Resolution 2021-6 was approved unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Powell will notify Kim Hostetler, DCD, as well as Attorney Adrian Halverstadt, of the resolution approvals and will have them begin the process to purchase 498 and 520 W McKeever St.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported the North Main St. ordinance violation case was closed since the tenant removed all disabled vehicles from his yard by the deadline. Bullock will place "SLOW" signs along East McKeever St. due to the rough pavement conditions. He also told Council a representative of the Huntington County Humane Society will appear at a future meeting to discuss an animal control contract.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Tom Wuensch was present to discuss the purchase of a used fire truck for \$160K, which he has already negotiated down to \$150K. The 2022 budget is already complete and advertised, therefore it cannot be altered according to CT Powell. The new fire truck will have to be financed. Council advised Wuensch to first negotiate the best price possible from the owner and to then make plans to sell the fire truck being replaced. Council will ask the Dallas Township Trustee to consider donating towards the fire truck purchase. Clerk-Treasurer Powell will inquire on current finance rates from local banks and the Indiana Bond Bank and report back at the next meeting. Subject tabled at this time.

Utility Superintendent: Colin Bullock reported that the leftover wastewater SRF money is back under advisement with a state committee. He then updated the N. Main St. tree removal project with the news he has received conflicting information from INDOT about whether a permit is needed to work in the right-of-way.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell informed Council the first half of the ARPA money was received in the amount of \$128,351.69. The second half will be distributed in 2022. She reminded Council the 2022 Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for September 13th and the budget adoption on September 27th.

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Powell will attend the virtual ILMCT District Meeting and Annual Conference August 26 and 27. She also announced notice was received of a fifth TRECS recovery in the amount of \$510.00.

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

Neal Snyder, 57 N Main St, asked and received permission to place 2 junk pop machines on town property next to his building so a company can easily pick up for removal this week. He also inquired about adding a ramp to the sidewalk project. Roger Newsome advised Snyder to contact Bolinger for an estimate since the business owners are paying for their own ramp costs. The Town will not ask for another revision.

Ed Asher announced that on October 2 he is hosting a fundraiser for the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department at his business. Among other activities, a car show is planned, and he received permission to park show cars on town property. Marshal Bullock will post no parking signs along Main Street in front of the Ice Cream Vault to allow clear visibility of pedestrians. Asher does not plan to file paperwork with the State to close Main Street for the day.

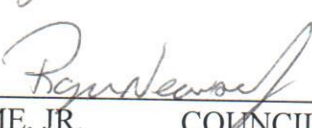
A recent fast and extremely heavy rainstorm was discussed as it was noticed not all the water went into the new storm drains along McKeever St. Cathy Johnson, 215 S Main St., said the rain fell so quickly that water still ran around the corner and south down Main Street. Johnson also said INDOT inspected the right-of-way restoration in their yard which they are unhappy with, and a developing low spot in the center of S. Main St./SR105 at the McKeever Street intersection.

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 13th day of September 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