

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 27, 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 September 13, 2021, and executive session held September 14, 2021. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2021-23 Budget Form 4, Second Reading

Council President Harshbarger read aloud a synopsis of the 2022 budget ordinance. With no comments from those in attendance, Laura Dillon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-23 on its second read. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CCMG 2020-2: Eric Woodmansee presented Pay Application #2 and a Change Order for runover of \$4,470.00 in basecoat and asphalt expenses. The Change Order was first discussed. Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the Change Order, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion passed unanimously. Next, Pay Application #2 was discussed, and since Council nor Colin Bullock had any issues with the job as completed, Council unanimously agreed to pay Watson Excavating in full including retainage. Council also approved Eric Woodmansee to authorize substantial completion on the project.

Waterworks Project: Laura Dillon made a motion to make AME Consulting the authorized agent to submit the USDA grant application and to make Council President John Harshbarger the authorized agent to sign on behalf of the Council. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that SRF still has not announced grant awards as of today.

Fire Truck Purchase: Crossroads Bank Lease documents, previously approved by attorney Mike Hartburg, were reviewed and discussed. Laura Dillon made a motion to give Council President Harshbarger the authority to sign all paperwork, including the Authorizing Resolution and Crossroads Bank documents, necessary to complete the purchase of the new fire truck. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dean Young asked about using the town garage to house the new fire truck while it is being equipped for service. Colin Bullock said arrangements will be made to provide space if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween trick-or-treat hours were discussed. Council decided to set trick-or-treat hours for one day, Saturday, October 30, from the hours of 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

John Harshbarger stated that he has received a letter from the federal government asking if the Town wanted to be a part of the National Opioid Settlement. Town Marshall Austin Bullock suggested he should research the topic first before John Harshbarger discusses the proposal with attorney Mike Hartburg.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Marshall Austin Bullock reported that the Huntington County Humane Society will approach town councils next year regarding the implementation of animal control contracts prior to any 2023 budget discussions.

Fire Department: Dean Young was present but has nothing new to discuss.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock requested where to locate the newly assembled picnic tables and benches purchased for the sidewalk improvement project. Council will decide and get back with him. Work on the new sidewalks should start soon. Bullock will meet with INDOT September 28 with regards to the Main & McKeever sink hole and tree removal on N Main St. Next Colin Bullock presented a proposal for utility mapping the water, sewer, and storm water lines. Ziptility is a reasonably priced software program that would run on a tablet the Town uses for utility billing. No contract is required for the software. In addition, he stated the sewer camera has been delivered, the training completed, and the Department is ready to begin inspections on the McKeever St storm sewer. Then Council gave Superintendent Bullock the authority to move forward acquiring the Ziptility software.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that she had received a call from the new owner of 237 East Columbia Street who purchased the property at a recent tax sale. He is agreeable to working with the DCD and Town Council to make the house habitable again. Clerk Powell has received information on the ILMCT Annual Conference & State Board of Accounts School in Evansville. She is not planning on attending.

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

Jacob Cormany, 160 N Leedy Lane, had questions on leaking water lines in his neighborhood which cause low water pressure. Superintendent Colin Bullock explained the condition of old galvanized service lines in that area, discovered while working on a Star Street water project last year, and the unsatisfactory job a contractor did in the 1970s. Colin Bullock will get pricing on making needed repairs to town service lines in the Leedy Lane and Chestnut Street area. Laura Dillon asked about the status of the old barn demo. Colin said that CenterPoint has not done their line removal yet so he will not do the demolition with a live gas feed to the building. Laura Dillon also reminded everyone about the OCRA Public Hearing on October 5th. The meeting will be at 6:00 and Clerk Powell has made the appropriate postings.


Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion carried 3-0.

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Approved this 12th day of October 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