

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 14, 2022, 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 February 28, 2022, as well as an executive session and special meeting both held on March 4, 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Trash Contract: Clerk-Treasurer Powell reported to Council the advertisement for bids was published March 12 and will run again on March 19. Bid spec documents are available in the Clerk's office or they may be requested electronically.

FEMA Buyout: Powell informed Council that Attorney Halverstadt mailed out today offer packets to purchase the Dobson and Newsome properties. March 31 is the deadline for a response or acceptance while May 31 is the deadline to close. Council asked Powell to follow up with Kim Hostetler and Adrian Halverstadt on who pays for the remediation and how remediation works into the closing and demolition timeline of these properties. Much discussion ensued on the status of the project with the approaching October 2022 deadline and a possible extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Newsome, representing the Andrews Community Helpers, approached Council with a request for a monetary donation to support their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the fire station. Council agreed to donate \$100.00 to the cause.

Eric Woodmansee, AME Consulting: Woodmansee asked Council if there was interest in making updates to the PER for the Waterworks Project and submitting a new SRF program application to the State. There are two deadlines for 2022: April 1 and May 1. Discussion ensued and there were matters requiring further thought for both Woodmansee and the Town. Council President John Harshbarger stated it was best to table a decision for now but waiting until the scheduled April 11 meeting was inadvisable, so he asked Powell to schedule a Special Meeting for March 17 at 3:00 p.m. to resume this discussion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock reported he is notifying property owners that are in violation of the Town Code regarding junk, debris, and inoperable vehicles. Official citations will follow in May if the properties remain noncompliant.

Fire Department: Firefighter Josh Young reminded everyone of Saturday's tenderloin dinner and auction fundraiser at the Huntington VFW.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock said the utility department has been investigating issues and working on repairs with the clear well at the water plant and also at the wastewater plant.

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Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell asked Council if there was interest in acquiring an empty parcel at the intersection of Pennsylvania and N Jackson Streets. Kim Hostetler, Huntington County DCD, told Powell it was up for Commissioners Sale soon. Council confirmed their interest and asked Powell to notify Hostetler tomorrow of their wish to acquire the property.

CLAIMS

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


OTHER BUSINESS

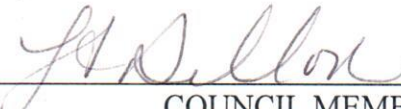
Joan Prus, 192 S Market St, asked to have two trees removed from the right-of-way in front of her house along Market Street. Utility Superintendent Colin Bullock stated his crew can take them down this week.

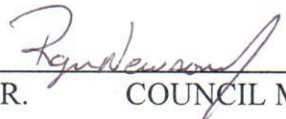
Julie Newsome made a formal complaint about the condition of the yard and structure at 183 W Jefferson St. Town Marshal Austin Bullock will investigate the situation tomorrow and take appropriate action.


Roger Newsome, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., which was seconded by Laura Dillon.

Approved this 28th day of March 2022.

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