

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on September 26, 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 and Roger Newsome, Jr. were in attendance. Council Member Laura Dillon attended electronically via Zoom on laptop computer. 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 12 and an Executive Session held on September 20, 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2022-7 BUDGET FORM 4**

After stating the 2023 budget was introduced and discussed at the September 12 public hearing, Council President John Harshbarger read aloud Ordinance 2022-7. Council Member Laura Dillon made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-7, 2023 Budget Form 4, which was seconded by Council Member Roger Newsome, Jr. Motion passed 3-0. With no comments or questions from those in attendance, Laura Dillon made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on a second reading, which was seconded by Roger Newsome. Motion passed 3-0. Harshbarger read the ordinance for a second time. Dillon then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-7 on its second read and Newsome provided a second. Motion to approve the 2023 Budget Form 4 passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Unsafe Order of Enforcement 150 N Market St: Sarah Brunner, Huntington DCD, reported that much progress is seen at this property and the only recommendation the DCD has left is for the garage doors to be made functional or at a minimum lowered and closed to secure the building. Dan and Dee Kochensparger are agreeable with the suggestion and plan to comply. Council agreed to extend the OE another 30 days and asked all parties to reappear at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for an update.

Unsafe Order of Enforcement 133 S Jackson St: Sarah Brunner said there has been no communication from Bobby or Kylee Sands in the last 30 days and that a drive-by inspection today revealed the yard has not been cleared of demolition debris. The Sands were not in attendance to respond. Council said there will be no further extensions to this OE and asked the DCD to move forward with a warning letter to the property owners stating they are not in compliance and fines may be imposed soon.

FEMA Buyout Project: C-T Powell said a mitigation program specialist recently began assisting the Town's DHS FEMA contact in Indianapolis. A 75% reimbursement for the purchase of 218 W McKeever St was received today and will help support the purchase of the next properties in queue with the FEMA Buyout Project. She also added that DHS Fiscal has not resolved the double reimbursement payment issue yet.

Community and Public Safety Day: No organizers were in attendance to update Council on the October 1<sup>st</sup> event. Council President Harshbarger reported that no bands would be in the parade as the schools require advance notice to work such an appearance into their schedules.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

John Harshbarger reported on a phone conference between himself, Colin Bullock, Eric Woodmansee, and Attorney Rick Delaney regarding the CCMG 2020-1 storm water job performance issue and resulting dispute with DC Construction. The findings over the last month dictate that legal action is the proper path to take and Delaney referred the Town to Fort Wayne Attorney Tim Claxton to begin moving forward as soon as possible.

AME Consulting's Eric Woodmansee added he was recently contacted by Mike Bolinger and was told the concrete company is willing to do the sidewalk repairs all on their own with no cost to the Town. Woodmansee referred Bolinger to Attorney Claxton to present his offer and properly arrange an agreement with the Town to resolve the issue.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock reported that all required training has been completed for 2022. He gave an update to council members on the fire damaged house at 736 N Market St. After speaking with the owner and then the builder, it was confirmed that the owner, insurance company, and the builder were in final stages of negotiations with mid-November as a possible start time. The builder is responsible for demolition and clearing away of all debris before a modular is placed on the lot. Bullock reported that last week's trial resulted in a guilty verdict. Finally, Austin discussed several quotes on a new in-car radio asking permission to purchase the lowest quote received from Cops Gear. Council approved his request.

Fire Department: No representative was present to report to Council.

Utility Department: Superintendent Colin Bullock reported his department has been digging out tree stumps and that there are still two trees to take down. Several small water leaks have been identified and repaired. Also, they have been clearing sewer lines and then investigating those areas with the sewer camera where the several service calls originated from.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell announced the Town Hall will host an Early Vote Center on Friday, October 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. She also distributed and asked Council to review drafts of the 2023 Salary Ordinance and a five-year CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan. She would like to have both finalized and ready for passage at the October 24 meeting.

**CLAIMS**

Roger Newsome, Jr made a motion to approve the claims, which was seconded by John Harshbarger. Motion was approved unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Neal Snyder, 55 N Main St, questioned if Wright Tree Service had permission to dump tree trimmings and shavings at the Town's compost pile. Harshbarger replied yes, the company was given permission to do so, but only while working in Andrews.


John Harshbarger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.

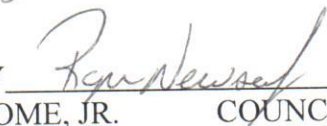
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Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

APPROVED BY  as  
JOHN HARSHBARGER COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as  
LAURA A DILLON COUNCIL MEMBER

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ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as  
LAURY L POWELL CLERK-TREASURER