

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD OCTOBER 24, 2022**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on October 24, 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 October 11, 2022. Roger Newsome, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Unsafe Order of Enforcement 150 N Market St: Huntington DCD's Sarah Brunner reported that the garage doors are repaired, and that the check list is complete. Therefore, the Order of Enforcement has been released by her department.

Unsafe Order of Enforcement 133 S Jackson St: Brunner noted the property has been cleaned up quite a bit from 30 days ago but still needs work. The Sands were not in attendance as notified by certified mail, and Town Marshal Bullock added he spoke with them recently suggesting they attend tonight's meeting. Recommendations from Attorney Halverstadt were discussed on how to move forward in this situation. Council agreed to extend the OE another 30 days to comply with the following actions: remove remaining debris and junk, seed the bare ground, and trim the weeds on the property. Otherwise, a \$500.00 fine will be imposed. Marshal Bullock will monitor and communicate progress, or lack of, to the DCD. Council asked all parties to reappear at the November 28th meeting for an update unless the Order of Enforcement is released before then.

Eric Woodmansee from AME Consulting was not in attendance. Council President Harshbarger reported, based on his last conversation with Woodmansee, that everything is in order for deadlines to be met on filing a lawsuit to resolve the CCMG 2020-1/DC Construction issue. Councilmember Newsome spoke on recent discussions between himself, Woodmansee, contractor Bolinger Concrete, and Attorney Tim Claxton to arbitrate an agreement for repairs on the sidewalk panels with deteriorating surfaces.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-5 CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan: After noting the resolution was introduced and passed on its first read at the October 11 meeting, John Harshbarger read the synopsis of Resolution 2022-5 for a second time. With no questions raised, Dillon motioned to approve and adopt Resolution 2022-5 CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan on its second read. Newsome seconded her motion, which passed unanimously.

2023 Salary Ordinance 2022-10: Dillon and Powell said they both reviewed calculations within the ordinance. Council President Harshbarger introduced Ordinance 2022-10 with a first read of the synopsis. Dillon motioned to pass the 2023 Salary Ordinance on its first read, which was seconded by Newsome. Motion carried 3-0. Ordinance 2022-10 will be considered for adoption after its second read at the November 14th meeting.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Marshal Austin Bullock said after property owners received written citations for ordinance violations, many of those properties are now in compliance. There are several areas where work is underway, and progress is seen. He also reported that the Deputy Marshal's vehicle was involved in a deer/car accident last week with damages in excess of \$15,000.00. The insurance check arrived today, and the body shop has the needed parts to begin work. Bullock expects the vehicle to be repaired and in service soon. Recent drug investigations have resulted in a female being sentenced to 20 years, and another individual waiting to go to trial soon. The latest drug bust over the past weekend also yielded drug money which was confiscated.

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

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said the street department would begin to pick up leaves in early November after the majority of leaves have fallen. Locates for the McKeever Street bridge project are done, and a surveyor has begun work in preparation for the county project. He also reported Dylan Wilkinson has applied to take the wastewater certification exam and is waiting on the State's response and approval of his application.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported she recently completed training in a SBOA called meeting covering Fraud Prevention, Year End Considerations, changes in Gateway with the 100R, and SBOA Audit Expectations. She was informed this past summer that the Town would undergo a 3-year audit sometime later in the year. Powell said her office issued over 50 shut-off tags for non-payment and that information is trickling in regarding the new Opioid Funds. She will contact Mike Hartburg for guidance on establishing the two new fund numbers with an ordinance or resolution. Powell gave a brief update on the FEMA Buyout Project including the recent acquisition of 520 W McKeever Street, a summary of outstanding reimbursements due from the State, and a review of the remaining offer-to-purchase letters yet to be signed by the property owners at 181 S Berry, 498 W McKeever, and 280 W McKeever Streets.

CLAIMS

Laura Dillon made a motion to approve the claims, which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr. The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

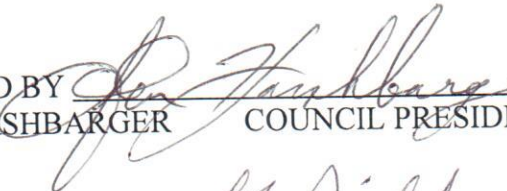
There was no other business to come before Council.


Laura Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., which was seconded by Roger Newsome, Jr.


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Approved this 14th day of November 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