

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 10, 2023**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 10, 2023, 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

Roger Newsome, Jr. made a motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held June 26, 2023. John Harshbarger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 2-0. Council member Dillon was not present at the June 26th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Eric Woodmansee, with AME Consulting, told Council the DC Construction issue is moving forward with the attorneys at Burt Blee. He also said that he approved of the recap material Bolinger Concrete plans to use and has informed the attorney who will craft a release agreement keeping the material manufacturer's warranty in play. Finally, Woodmansee presented to Council a Sidewalk Inventory Map prepared while looking at the ADA/Title VI inventory. He asked council members to review the map and said he would like to meet soon to discuss future CCMG grant applications to improve poor sidewalks and street surfaces.

Council member Dillon asked her colleagues for a recap of the discussion held June 26th, and confirmation of the timeline, regarding the unsafe order of enforcement at 237 E Columbia Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk-Treasurer Powell informed Council that she has scheduled a public hearing for the July 24 meeting regarding the Additional Appropriation for Fire Fund No. 2243, where the ordinance will have its first reading.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Austin Bullock reported that the new police vehicle's equipment and light installation is complete. The department has purchased a new PBT, or breathalyzer, for the reserve car and he has been seeking quotes on new dash and body cameras as required by the county prosecutor. By far, the best offer received is from Digital-Ally, a 5-year subscription totaling \$25,115.00. Bullock has secured a commitment from the Huntington County Commissioners to put \$15,000.00 towards this unexpected expense. Council members approved the purchase from Digital-Ally, asking C-T Powell to pay the remaining \$10,000.00 from the Riverboat Fund.

Fire Department: Dean Young announced the August 19 Andrews Community Day parade will have a 2:00 p.m. start time and the event will immediately roll right into other activities downtown, including a band. Young asked and received council approval for funding to rent a bounce house for the day. Event plans and permits are currently being finalized. Finally, Young thanked Council for the new fire gear equipment which is now in use.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported on compost pile troubles, including out-of-town drop-offs and the illegal dumping of furniture, TVs, and construction debris containing painted/treated lumber with nails and screws. The gate will be locked outside of regular business hours to deter illegal dumping. He also said that vandalism is still an issue. Just today teens were caught attempting to tear down street signs in town.

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Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell said she will make the \$12,700.00 principal payment on the Seagrave fire truck after both Council and the SBOA approve the additional appropriation according to state code. The DLGF Budget Workshop is scheduled for August 11 at 9:00 a.m. Finally, Deputy Clerk Bowers is on vacation this week and the office will have part-time help to assist.

CLAIMS


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

OTHER BUSINESS


Phil Sunderman, 257 S Main St, requested a trash container be set on the lot across from the town hall, and emptied regularly. He has noticed people using the area's bench and shade trees have nowhere to deposit their trash. Colin Bullock said his crew can get this done.

With no further business, Roger Newsome, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., which was seconded by Laura Dillon.

Approved this 24th day of July 2023.

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