

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AUGUST 26, 2024**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on August 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Andrews Town Hall in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Laura Dillon, Roger Newsome, Jr. and Michael Dean Young 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 August 12, 2024. Dean Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Young then moved to approve council minutes for an Executive Session held August 14, 2024. Newsome seconded the motion, which also passed unanimously.

**NICK HANCOCK, HUNTINGTON AREA RECREATIONAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

Hancock returned before Council for a continuation of the discussion he initiated at the August 12 meeting for the proposed Andrews Trailhead System. Additional information was provided on the kiosk, tool stations, various signage options, and even ideas for potential sponsorship of the project. Photos were provided of existing Trailheads in use in other quadrants of Huntington County. Also, Hancock extended an invitation to HARTA's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration dinner to be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Huntington University. Council agreed that the HARTA Trailhead would be an asset to the community, while tabling the discussion for now and stating the project would be considered for action in 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS**

United With Love Mobile Food Pantry: Megan Engle, Erin Didion, and Jerry Phelps shared with Council their stats and updated information on a pilot mobile food pantry program in Andrews. To better serve their Andrews families, a need was relayed for indoor space to store cold items on site in a refrigerator and freezer, along with standing space for the volunteers and two family members and room for a couple of tables. Council members said this is a wonderful program for Andrews' residents in need, especially those who may lack transportation to Huntington. Discussion ensued on purchasing a storage barn or shed for the food pantry, and the best location to place it. Newsome volunteered to check into what options are available locally, pricing on the various styles and sizes, and cost estimates for a concrete pad to place it on. Council planned to discuss the matter at the next meeting, taking new information into consideration.

Main Street Sidewalk Repair Update: Council Member Newsome reported that work began today to replace the pitted sidewalk panels. The concrete will be torn out in sections and poured in sections to keep buildings and businesses accessible and open while the work is in progress.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Andrews Community Foundation: Council President Dillon said she was in talks this week with Erik Long of Elevate Huntington County, along with Andrews' resident Braxton Craft who has become involved in organizing a community foundation in Andrews that would fall under the Huntington County Community Foundation's blanket. Once properly organized, a local group would benefit from HCCF's 501C3 status, become eligible to receive a dollar-for-dollar match to local fundraising, and may receive \$5,000.00 in seed money for the first 3 years. This collaboration would help improve the quality of life in Andrews without relying solely on the town's CEDIT fund comprised of taxpayer's money.

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt shared that Deputy Marshal Raber passed all of his recent exams and is doing well at the academy. He reported the last two security cameras he purchased were received today and will be in use soon, and that he has a meth case that will be in court soon. Platt also reported that new tires are needed for his vehicle, and that its cracked windshield was recently replaced by Safelight, a service fully covered by the town's auto insurance policy. Finally, Platt said he will be at ILEA tomorrow, at the invitation of the Huntington County Sheriff's Department, to see the latest police equipment and vehicles demonstrated.

Fire Department: Dean Young thanked all that attended last Saturday's festival, stating the event went well but the weather was uncomfortably hot for all present. He also reported that two of the department's trucks were recently in the shop for repairs.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported his department is finishing the fill project at the Park around the new basketball court. Also, the E McKeever St mill and repave project is complete, and now his crew will be filling and trimming along the street to make the berm level and look nice. Several compliments were made regarding the new road surface, while a concern was shared by council member Young about proper notifications being made to those living in the affected area before such work and road closures begin.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reminded council members of the 2025 Budget Public Hearing on September 9. The Delinquent List accounts are slow to pay this month, with only a third of the 44 total having responded to date, and the August 29 deadline is nearing. Meter reads are planned tomorrow for the September 1 billing. She reported that Key Utility software was down for a day and a half last week, an issue requiring Boyce's #1 programmer to be involved in.

**CLAIMS**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to come before the council this evening.

With no further business, Roger Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m., which was seconded by Dean Young.

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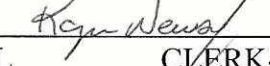
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Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

APPROVED BY  as  
LAURA A. DILLON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY see below for signature as  
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY  as  
MICHAEL D. YOUNG COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as  
LAURY L. POWELL CLERK-TREASURER

