

# **ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MARCH 24, 2025**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on March 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Andrews Town Hall in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

## **ROLL CALL**

Council Members Roger Newsome, Jr. and Michael Dean Young were in attendance while Council President Laura Dillon was not present at this meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

## **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Dean Young made a blanket motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on March 10 and an Executive Session on March 18, 2025. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, 2-0.

## **HARTA BICYCLE TRAILHEAD**

Nick Hancock updated Council with the latest information on the bicycle trailhead standard equipment and options, signs, pricing, and sponsorship. Dialogue ensued amongst Young, Newsome, Hancock, and all five members of the Andrews Hometown Endowment board in attendance. Hancock stated that a group of local bicyclists plans to apply for grant funding to assist with the expense of the trailhead project. According to members of the endowment board, the deadline to apply is April 10 and the board will meet on May 7 to award this year's grant recipients. The Town already owns the bench seating and has a less expensive quote for the concrete base to support the trailhead kiosk, which will lower HARTA's estimated cost of \$17,150.00. Council will move forward with this project working with HARTA and Nick Hancock with the hopes receiving grant fund assistance from the Andrews Hometown Endowment Fund.

## **PUBLIC HEARING : RESOLUTION 2025-2 REGARDING DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE**

The Public Hearing opened at 6:18 p.m. with Powell explaining she made a scheduling error which allowed Council to adopt Resolution 2025-2 at the March 10 meeting. Changes were made to the resolution's original timeline because of a publishing deadline conflict for the legal advertisement required for tonight's public hearing. She asked Council to rescind the March 10, 2025, motion of approval for Resolution 2025-2 Regarding the Disposition of Real Estate. Dean Young motioned to do so and with a second from Roger Newsome the motion to rescind passed 2-0. Powell summarized the resolution, explaining Council's plans to lease space atop the water tower for over the air internet equipment. With no questions from those in attendance, the public hearing closed at 6:23 p.m. Young motioned to approve Resolution 2025-2 Regarding the Disposition of Real Estate. Newsome seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, 2-0. Finally, Powell updated Council on the remaining timeline in the disposition process with bids expected to be opened at the April 28 meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Livestream of Meetings: Clerk-Treasurer Powell reported that she and Laura Dillon met on March 11 with Dean Harris and Ryan, who set up livestream equipment and operations at the Bethesda Freewill Baptist Church in Andrews. She expects to hear from Ryan by the end of the month with further details.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk-Treasurer Powell informed Council and those present that the townwide spring cleanup with H&H Disposal will be on Friday May 9. Further information and rules are posted online, and a flyer was distributed at the meeting which will also be available at the clerk's office.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Department: Town Marshal Platt reported both he and Raber successfully completed tactical training for this year. Next up, both officers will attend a one-day narcotics training course geared for



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small towns. Platt said a local Dodge dealership contacted him with special pricing offers on Dodge Charger and Durango police vehicles. Despite the savings on Dodge, Josh said he prefers the reliability of Ford police vehicles, as do many other local law enforcement agencies.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Evan Schenkel reported that last Saturday's auction fundraiser was very successful and thanked everyone for their support. Also, a tenderloin dinner will be held on May 10 from 4:00 to 7:00 at the fire station. Schenkel added that the three trainees are doing well.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that hydrant flushes are finished for now. Also, the department has had the vacor truck out, clearing sewer lines of tree roots and then inspecting with the sewer camera as needed in several trouble spots in town.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell presented council with a list of outdated warrants, asking for permission to clear the books. Council permitted her to receipt \$425.00 back into the General Fund and \$1.36 into the Water Fund, for a total of \$426.36. Powell also shared information with council members on a refund for Bill Mayo's closed utility account in the amount of \$78.50.

**CLAIMS**

Dean Young made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Roger Newsome. The Motion was approved unanimously, 2-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

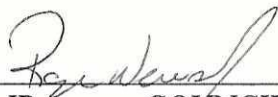
Cheryl Chopson, 212 E Columbia St, shared an incident involving a dog from her neighborhood that was unrestrained and bit her. The bite required stitches at the ER and further medical care. She emphasized pet owners should ensure they pick up after their dogs when walking, keep their dogs leashed or confined to their own property, and make sure their dogs are current on vaccinations.

It was discussed that John Karst, 31 N Jackson St, finally replaced his septic lateral. The necessary road cut will be repaired once the gravel settles.

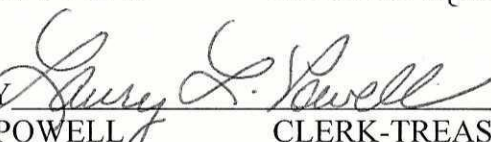
With no further business, Young motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m., seconded by Newsome.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ as  
LAURA A. DILLON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as  
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY  as  
MICHAEL D. YOUNG COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as  
LAURY L. POWELL CLERK-TREASURER