

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD MAY 27, 2025**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on May 27, 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 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 made a motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on May 12, 2025. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved, 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

An update on the West McKeever St bridge meeting was given by Council President Dillon. The project is scheduled to begin in September 2029 and is expected to last 6-7 months.

Disposition of Real Estate: Clerk-Treasurer Powell said that per council's request, TWN's Randy Baron and another representative will attend the June 9 meeting to negotiate the terms of their proposal to place over-the-air internet equipment on top of the town's water tower.

Comcast Phone System: Powell said she has approved the Comcast Plan modification to begin the process to implement a new phone system at the Town Hall in October. One change was noted with the new rates being \$20.00 more a month than what Jason Thomas quoted at the May 12 meeting. Powell said the Town cannot take advantage of the Autopay perk so the monthly difference will be \$102.35 month with the new Comcast business voice and internet plan, excluding service fees and federal charges. Council members acknowledged the change.

Livestream Update: Powell shared that she contacted Stylus Technologies' Rick Elwell regarding the May 12 approved quote, he acknowledged the approval and ordered the equipment. Powell is now waiting to hear back from the business to schedule installation.

Town Website: To continue discussion from the May 12 meeting, Powell shared information on two new quotes to improve and modernize the town's existing website. One of which was an updated proposal from CivicPlus with the best possible price they can offer, a Standard Plan for communities under 1,000 residents with an annual subscription fee of \$2,958.00 and a one-time implementation fee of \$650.00. The second came from the IN.gov Program, Tyler Technologies, and IOT (Indiana Office of Technology) to implement a local government website on their platform. The welcome news here is that the Town of Andrews qualifies for a free website that would be configured to its unique needs. Powell and Dillon shared details acquired from an online meeting, highlighting the tools and services offered through a collaboration with IN.gov to host, maintain, secure, and modernize the town's website for today's world. Young motioned to move forward with the no-fee IN.gov/Tyler Tech website plan. Newsome seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Dillon introduced Ordinance 2025-3, Which Would Modify Andrews Existing Water Rates. She said there will be a Public Hearing on June 9 for its first read and to hear public comments. On June 23, a second read and adoption of the water rate change ordinance is planned. Powell clarified that the new rates would affect September water consumption visible on the October 1 billing statement.

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Clerk-Treasurer Powell informed Council that Lochmueller Group's Anthony Goodnight will be at the June 9 meeting to update the water regionalization project from their prospective and to discuss potential CCMG road projects. She distributed the most recent road asset inventory list to council members in preparation for Goodnight's appearance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Platt reported on a recent training class he hosted, and said both he and Raber have firearms training this week. Platt will issue citations this week for non-compliance for recent high grass and weed warnings. He also announced his upcoming marriage and that Deputy Marshal Raber will be in charge of the department while Platt is away on his honeymoon.

Fire Department: Dean Young announced that two new trainees have completed their training and are now on call.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock said he has a quote from Doran Harshbarger for \$3,825.00 to remove nineteen stumps from multiple locations across town. Newsome suggested Bullock contact Scott Chopson, Jr for a second quote on this type of work and report back at the next meeting. Bullock updated council members on a sinking catch basin at the corner of Main (SR 105) and Jefferson. INDOT inspected their structure and claimed that the town's infrastructure is rusty which is causing the structure to sink. INDOT also said it would be the town's responsibility to repair the issue. INDOT stabilized the catch basin, filling in with cold patch. Bullock plans to inspect the inside of that structure and adjoining lines to determine a fix. It was reported that some phone and cable service is still out on the southwest side of town due to damage from a recent storm. However, all power was quickly restored to that area. Finally, Young asked if the town's fuel pumps were operational yet. Bullock replied yes that Gasoline Equipment reprogrammed the equipment last Friday.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell asked Newsome if he had a second quote in hand for the bicycle trailhead's concrete base since Nick Hancock wishes to be at the June 9 meeting to begin discussion on building the trailhead structure. Newsome said he has not secured a second quote yet. Powell also said she is preparing for Denise's medical leave of absence and will have reduced office hours for 6-8 weeks. One resume was received but the individual unfortunately doesn't qualify for employment in a clerk-treasurer's office.

CLAIMS

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Council President Dillon shared that the Andrews Church of the Brethren has asked if council members can assist in handing out drinking water to town residents on Saturday mornings. All were agreeable to helping the small congregation distribute water jugs to a growing number of people.


With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m., seconded by Young.

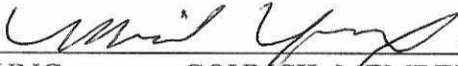
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Approved this 9th day of June 2025.

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