

**TOWN OF ANDREWS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUB-STATION COURTROOM**

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.

ANDREWS, SC 29510

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. INVOCATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
5. MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. OLD BUSINESS
8. APPEARANCE(S):
 - Wanda Charping, CPA: Accountant For The Town of Andrews
9. CITIZENS COMMENTS (Three (3) minutes only)
10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
11. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
12. MAYOR'S REPORT
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - Personnel Matters
 - Contractual Matters
14. ADJOURNMENT

Town of Andrews

Monthly Town Council Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2015
6:00 pm

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

Invocation was rendered by Pastor William Stockton
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Mayor Rodney Giles called for a moment of silence for the victims who lost their lives during the Charleston Church massacre in the mass shooting that took place on the evening of June 17, 2015 at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston, SC.

Town Officials Present:

Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Patsy Greene
Council Member Mattie McGee
Council Member Sudha Patel
Council Member David Tisdale
Council Member Eddie Lee

Motion was made by Council Member Sudha Patel and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2015 Council Meeting with the necessary corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

The monthly financial statements were included in the Councils' packet for information purposes only.

New Business

There was no new business for discussion.

Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

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Appearance (s)

Mrs. Wanda Charping, CPA: Accountant for the Town of Andrews was not present for this meeting.

Citizens Comments

Kathy Mitchum a resident of 207 S. Cedar Ave came before council making a complaint about having to pay for garbage collection and have no garbage pickup over the past two weeks. Mrs. Mitchum would like to know if the Town has a backup plan for garbage collection if and when the garage truck breaks down.

Daphne Morris a resident of 301 S. Cedar Ave came before council requesting that someone from the Andrews Police Department look into traffic traveling at a high rate of speed down the street on which she lives. Mrs. Morris stated that if stop signs were placed on some of the streets at various points this may deter people from taking advantage of speeding down Myrtle Rd, Farr Ave and Cedar Ave.

Martin Mays, Jr. a resident of 208 N. Poplar came before council with a complaint about the Town charging for garbage pickup but they can't seem to provide the service.

Alfair James of Elm Square Apartments on County Line Road came before council with concerns about the residents in her subdivision having to wait on emergency responders from Williamsburg County to respond to their 911 calls. Mrs. James is very concerned because of an experience she recently had with a neighbor of hers having a heart attack and they had to wait for assistance to arrive from Williamsburg County when emergency responders were available minutes away in the Town of Andrews. Mrs. James would like for the elected officials of the Town of Andrews to assist any way they can to help solve this issue.

The motion was made by Council Member Sudha Patel to amend the agenda to include Council reports and it was seconded by Council Member David Tisdale. **Council Member Patsy Greene; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Mattie McGee; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Mayor Rodney Giles; Yes Motion carried.**

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Administrator's Report

Mrs. Mauretta Dorsey addressed the EMS concerns of Mrs. Alflair James by informing her that those issues are handled by Georgetown County, however the Town could make some calls on their behalf. Mrs. Dorsey addressed the issues of Mrs. Kathy Mitchum. Mrs. Mitchum was informed that the monies collected from the garbage collection fees is put back into the department's budget to pay the employees for providing those services. Mrs. Dorsey stated that when Oneita Knitting Mills and the other industries that were once in Andrews closed their doors, that tax bracket also went away and the Town cannot afford to provide services when there is no income to support such efforts. Mrs. Dorsey informed Council that lift station #8 has a bad seal and they need to make a decision as to repair or to replace the pump. The cost for repairing the pump is \$7,300.00 or \$33,000.00 for replacing the pump. Mrs. Dorsey stated to council that Mr. George Leggette will be evaluating the vac truck and old trash truck at Public Works to see if they are worth repairing or do they need to be scrapped. Mrs. Dorsey stated that a guy from Georgetown has come on board who will be assessing ten major leaks within the Town of Andrews and he will come before council on Monday with an assessment on how to address these issues. Mrs. Dorsey announced that the summer Series Events will begin on Friday Night with Family Movie Night at the old baseball field on Catclaw Road beginning at 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Mrs. Dorsey stated that she is in the process of having cost assessments processed by two outside waste management companies for providing back up garbage collection to the Town of Andrews.

Department Head Reports

Fire Department: Rob Stamper encouraged everyone to use caution during the hot weather. He stated that they are expected to hear back on the Town's ISO rating by the end of July.

Police Department: Chief Kaynnera Capers addressed an issue that was raised during citizen's comments by Mrs. Daphne Morris who is concerned about cars traveling at high rates of speed down Cedar, Farr and Myrtle Avenues where there are no stop signs on these thru streets. Chief Capers stated that this is an issue for DOT and that the Mayor Giles and the elected officials of Andrews can get together and send a letter to DOT voicing their concerns. Chief Capers stated that he will have his officers more visible in these areas. Chief Capers informed the public that as part of his officers daily duties they will be mandated to stop in on local church services to make sure things are going well in response of the situation that recently took place down in Charleston, SC with the church massacre.

Council's Report

Council Member Mattie McGee: Encouraged all to be prepared during hurricane season. Red Cross will be set up at Andrews Elementary School during any emergency situation.

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Council Member Eddie Lee: Council Member Lee addressed the citizen's comments and their concerns by stating that he and the council will work together to see that the citizens issues are addressed.

Council Member Sudha Patel: Ms. Patel informed council that the Rotary Parson Scholarship was recently awarded to five recipients in the amount of \$16,000.00 per recipient. Ms. Patel stated that the internship she previously introduced will soon be in effect and will be open to high school and college students. The Andrews Heritage Finance Report was given as follows: gross proceeds \$33,258.00; total expenses \$29,726.00 and net profit \$3,532.00. Ms. Patel stated that the MASC Annual Meeting is coming up and will be held on Hilton Head Island, SC and she will not be in attendance because it will cost on the average \$1600.00 per member to attend. Ms. Patel told council that she will probably reallocate her \$1600.00 from their budget towards the internship program or the Town's website. Ms. Patel ended her report by noting that she formally introduced her candidacy on last Thursday for Mayor in the upcoming November election.

Council Member Patsy Greene: Ms. Greene stated that their End of School Festival was held on last Saturday and it was a success and they will be hosting their Annual Back to School Festival on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

Council Member David Tisdale: Mr. Tisdale announced that the Andrews Summer Series Events will start this Friday Night with them hosting Family Movie Night and he invited everyone to come out for the movie and free refreshments. Mr. Tisdale stated that he will not be attending the MASC annual meeting and he suggested that the Mayor and maybe two council members rotate attending these events yearly to help the Town out financially.

Council Member Angela Anderson: Mrs. Anderson encouraged all to work together for the good of the Town.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rodney Giles thanked Christopher Anderson for donating his financial services to the Town. Mr. Anderson informed the Public the in response to the comment that the Town's finance is in trouble, that is yet to be determined. He stated that they cannot address revenue and expenses at this time until there has been a proper examination of the books. Mayor Giles thanked Pastor Deshawn Rouse for putting on a wonderful symposium for the citizens of the Town to come together and discuss issues that involve the Town of Andrews and for landscaping the front lawn of Town Hall.

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Executive Session

Council Member Eddie Lee made the motion and it was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Council Member Angela Anderson made the motion and it was seconded by Patsy Green to come out of Executive Session.

Mayor Rodney Giles stated that there was no decision rendered during executive session concerning the personnel and contractual matters discussed.

Adjournment

The motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and it was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson, Town Clerk.