

Town of Andrews Council Meeting

Sheriff's Department Sub-Station Courtroom
110 North Morgan Avenue
Andrews, SC 29510
April 18, 2013
6:00 PM

Agenda

- I.** Invocation
- II.** Pledge of Allegiance
- III.** Roll Call
- IV.** Approval of Minutes
- V.** Monthly Bank Statements: For information only
- VI.** Citizen Comments (Three (3) minutes only)
- VII.** Appearance(s):
 - Wanda Charping, CPA: Accountant for the Town of Andrews
- VIII.** Old Business
- IX.** New Business
 - Fair Housing Resolution: April is Fair Housing Month
 - Williamsburg County Water Franchise Agreement & Resolution
- X.** Administrator's Report
- XI.** Council's Report
- XII.** Department Head Reports
- XIII.** Mayor's Report
- XIV.** Executive Session
 - Personnel matters
 - Contractual matters
- XV.** Adjourn

Town of Andrews

**Monthly Town Council Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2013**

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Green presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Thomas Alford
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Patsy Greene
Council Member Thomas Alford
Council Member Mattie McGee
Council Member David Tisdale
Council Member Sid Ackerman

After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member David Tisdale to approve the minutes from March 21, 2013 Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

The monthly financial statement was included in the Council's packet for information purposes only.

Citizen's Comment

Gail Soles appeared before Mayor and Council on behalf of her daughter Crystal Soles who has been missing for 8 years. Mrs. Soles feels more needs to be done in regards to her daughter's disappearance that are not being done in and about the community. Mrs. Soles questioned how many crimes are solved in Andrews and why isn't there more being done to bring justice to victims and families. She

want to know who is the current investigator and when will she be able to have access to her daughters documents that she has been requesting.

Bruce Swinnie stood before Mayor and Council asking that they would reconsider the Ordinance that allow Mobile Homes to enter the Town that is no more than 3yrs old. Mr. Swinnie insists that this current Ordinance is a hardship to most individuals, because not everyone can afford a brand new mobile home. Mr. Swinnie owns and operates a 14 lot mobile home park located on Locust Street in Andrews that are connected to city water and sewer. Mr. Swinnie feels that he can't effectively run a park with the rules and regulations that are now in place, because it is so restricted. Mr. Swinnie ask if possibly conforming to the Ordinances of nearby counties that he believe allows mobile homes of 1976 and above to be allowed in if nothing has changed in recent years. Mr. Swinnie adds that within the last few years just in his park alone the Town has made exceptions to a number of individuals; therefore, feels that they should change the laws that will benefit everyone.

Booker T. McCray appeared before Mayor and Council stating that the current ordinance that is in place is causing a hardship on most hardworking families located within the Town limits. Mr. McCray stated that he has been trying for years to put a mobile home on his lot but to no avail, so he has since stopped. He stated that everyone should be treated fairly and equal and not out of favoritism.

Cedric Pete appeared before Mayor and Council with a similar issue regarding the mobile home ordinance. Mr. Pete states that it is a hardship on his family because they are on a fixed income and are forced to pay lot rent when he has land of his own, but because of the current ordinance in place he has been prohibited from placing his mobile home there. He feels that if it is fair for others, it should be fair for everyone.

Appearing before Council

Mayor Giles entered into the monthly Town Council Meeting.

Wanda Charping the Town Accountant came before Mayor and Council stating that the Town is operating on budget and has come a very long way from where The Town once was. She feels everyone has done a great job in improving the overall performance of The Town.

Old Business

There was no Old Business up for discussion

New Business

Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey appeared before Mayor and Council, she stated that The Fair Housing Resolution which is required through the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments states that if you have outstanding grants you should no matter what always comply with Fair Housing. April is always deemed as Fair Housing month, and if you have outstanding grants you should always have a Fair Housing Resolution on file. Council Member Thomas Alford made a motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution, and it was seconded by Sid Ackerman. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Dorsey then addressed before council that Williamsburg County held there monthly council meeting and decided that they would like to amend the current franchise agreement, to allow us to still serve the Earles area with water whenever we may have the opportunity to do so. Council Member Thomas Alford made a motion to adopt the Williamsburg County Franchise Agreement and Resolution, and it was seconded by Council Member Mattie McGee. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes, Greene-Yes and Mayor Giles-Yes, all in favor motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Mauretta Dorsey appeared before Mayor and Council stating that that pump station project will begin on the 29th of this month. She also stated that she met with SCDOT regarding some matters throughout the town as well as citizens concerns. She added that they will begin paving projects located on Elmwood Street and Cedar Street this year, and the other projects will take place after July 1st.

Council Report

Council Member David Tisdale stood before Mayor and Council expressing thanks to everyone for their calls, visits, and most of all their prayers during his wife's period of illness. Mr. Tisdale also addressed that everyone should get on one accord to get a policy together regarding the current zoning laws.

Council Member Thomas Alford addressed the issue with the flag pole, there have been a few delays and hopefully once the materials are sent in the work concerning the flag pole will be under way. Mr. Alford also stated that pastor Ed Hardee would like to set a day for the join hands day/ cleaning the streets of Andrews. Pastor Hardee is aiming for May 4th if possible and would like for organizations to adopt a street.

Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Greene stood before Mayor and Council stating that renovations will soon be underway concerning the park located on Jones Avenue. She stated that the funds regarding the park are limited, and that everyone will have to take care of the park in order to ensure that the equipment stays in good condition.

Department Heads Report

Brenda Lambert investigator for the Police Department came before Mayor and Council to commend them on a job well done, and how well everyone is working together regarding recent events. She commended them on how well they solved a previous homicide and how quickly the family was sought justice.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles did not have any comments at tonight's meeting.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Greene to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters at 7:03 p.m.

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman to come out of Executive Session and was seconded by Council Member David Tisdale. Mayor Giles stated there was no decision rendered in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Council Member Sid Ackerman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford.

Council Meeting minutes were submitted by Keeya Cumbee.