

Town of Andrews

Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Angela Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee

Council Member Terrance Middleton

Council Member Angela Anderson

Council Member Mack E. Watford Sr.

Mayor McClary informed the body that Council Member Bradley Prince is absent due to a conflict with his work schedule.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Terrance Middleton to approve the minutes from the Thursday, February 21, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes as written.

Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, motion carried.

Monthly Bank Statements

The monthly financial statements were included in the Council's packet for informational purposes only.

Financial Report

Mrs. Brenda Jackson, CPA for the Town of Andrews presented Town Council Members with a review of the Budgeted versus Actual Revenues and Expenditures Financial Report for the Town of Andrews for month ending February 28, 2019.

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Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-02: a Proposed Reclassification Ordinance. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the First Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-02 a Proposed Reclassification Ordinance to reclassify real property in the Corporate Limits of the Town of Andrews, TMS # 45-404-044, and TMS # 14-005-018 from Limited Industrial District (LI) to General Commercial District, (GC) and to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Andrews to so reflect. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Council Member Bradley Prince Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, motion carried.**

Citizens Comments

Ms. Donna Flowers a Recovery Coach for Favor Grand Strand: Ms. Flowers stated that Favor Grand Strand is a group that represents the faces and voices of Recovery. She facilitates recovering classes on Monday evenings at the Andrews Church of God. the owner of Coastal Partner Development stated that his company along with the property owner of the proposed Dollar General site, Ms. Skipper appreciated all the efforts made to approve their annexation and rezoning requests of the said property. He informed Town Officials that his company is looking forward to establishing a great working relationship with the Town of Andrews. The Dollar General Store is scheduled to be completed by June 27, 2019.

Ben McGill of the Bloomingville Community of Andrews stood before Town Council and commented that he was prepared to address concerns with the Annual MLK March held in the Town of Andrews. Prior to the meeting he was informed by Mr. Samuel Marsh that a group of concern citizens of Andrews are addressing the same concerns, thus he withdrew from making public comments.

Amiriyon Pressley and Shakiya Elmore members of the Andrews High School Track Team came before Town Council to solicit donations to assist with the purchasing of equipment. There are currently fifty members on AHS track team and they are in dire need of uniforms and equipment.

Marion Brown of 102 Aspen Street voiced his concerns with disregarded trash along Harper Road in the community which he lives. He also requested that the Town repair the pot holes along the driveway leading up to the drive-thru window at Town Hall.

Marilyn Hemingway the Second Vice President of the Georgetown NAACP along with **Mr. Wesley Gibson** who is the Chairman of their Legal Committee provided an updated clarification regarding the residency issue with Representative Mr. Austin Beard of District 5. The Georgetown County NAACP,

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Sisters of Progress and the West End Citizens Association are addressing concerns with the idea that there may be a residency issue among County Council Members of District 5. After further research it was

discovered that County Council Member Austin Beard allegedly does not reside in District 5 and evidence points towards that. The County has an ordinance that clearly outlines that a candidate for office must reside in and be a registered voter within the District he plans to represent and is seeking candidacy. Evidence is indicating that Mr. Beard does not live in District 5 which he has been elected to represent. The County Council and Board of Election Commission for Georgetown County were informed of the group's request to challenge Mr. Beard's residency and the County's Ordinance. They had ten days to set a Public Hearing in response to the filing of the NAACP's request. A Public Hearing was scheduled during the month of January 2019, due to uncertain circumstances Mr. Beard's Attorney who was suffering from an illness was unable to complete the hearing at that time, so it was rescheduled for March 15th. Citizens of District 5 are urged to attend the rescheduled Public Hearing and exercise their right to find out what's going on and to ask for full accountability and transparency. At this point it is a case of taxation without representation. Mr. Gibson urged the residents of Andrews to come out and attend Georgetown County Council meetings to be a voice for your District.

Samuel Marsh of 602 S. Poplar Avenue stood and thanked the NAACP Representatives for all that they are doing to help the Town of Andrews. However, he stated that there are citizens of Andrews who are concerned and do attend County Council Meetings such as himself, Mayor Frank McClary, members of the Andrews Town Council and others.

Ms. Marilyn Hemingway announced that a Town Hall Meeting will be held at Bethel AME Church on Broad Street in Georgetown on Thursday February 28th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 1% Sale Tax. The purpose of this meeting is to find out how much money has been raised, how the money was spent, who made that determination, and what's the intentions for spending the existing surplus.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Dorsey presented the members of Town Council with an update of the Town Grants. The CDBG Pump Station Upgrades Project construction was completed in September 2018. The Grant Administrator has had errors in the processing of the request for payments 12 & 13. These delays have caused the contractor MJL not to receive their final payment. The Town executed an amended contract with Lathan Consulting on July 9, 2015 in the amount of \$49,480.00. The contract period is for February 2015 until the close of the project. During a meeting on September 26, 2019. Town Management and Ms. Lathan discussed all contractual matters and financial concerns regarding RIA and CDBG Projects. At the conclusion of that meeting, all parties were in agreement that any fully executed agreement(s), presented to and approved by Town Council would be the only document(s) to reference and tracked for payments. Also at the conclusion of the meeting Ms. Lathan informed the Town of Andrews that she had done a "financial scrub" of the CDBG file and that per her findings the Town had been overcharged \$2,820.20 for CDBG and that the Town only owed Lathan Consulting \$3,592.80 to finalize the contract amount. On November 19th the Town received an email from Ms. Lathan asking what the \$3,592.80 check was for. The notes in the draft of RFP # 11 with the email from Lathan

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Consulting stated that the Town still owed \$2,820.20. To avoid any further delays as mentioned several times in emails from Lathan Consulting, the Town processed payment for that amount. To date, the final RFP's have not been accepted by the SC Department of Commerce for processing to pay the contractor.

The Town will seek reimbursement for overages from Lathan Consulting. The Town submitted its first Sewer Consent Order tri-monthly report this month. The Town had only one sewer spill over 100 gallons since meeting with DHEC in December 2018 and all reporting requirements and guidelines were followed. Several employees from the Public Works Department completed the South Carolina Rural Water Association Trenching, Shoring and Confine Space Competency course. This training will help the Town safeguard work environments when repairing or replacing waste water lines. In addition, the training will also ensure all employees take corrective actions to maintain proper maintenance of our manholes. The Public Works FY2018-2019 Budget information was submitted. A copy of the Engineering Agreement with Keck and Wood was submitted as proof that the Town has hired a Certified Registered Professional Engineer Licensed to practice in South Carolina to conduct an inspection of the WWCS to determine the location of all manholes and perform a physical inspection of all manholes and pump stations in the WWCS. The next date for the Sewer Consent Order is April 1, 2019. The next tri-monthly report is due May 15, 2019. The first Water Consent Order is due April 1, 2019 to include the abandonment of Well 1 and 6, the Rehabilitation of Well 5 and the submission of an engineer's certification regarding reliable capacity. The annual SC Municipal Insurance Trust Worker's Compensation Audit was conducted Wednesday, February 12th and the results will be available in March or April.

Council's (Sub – Division's Reports

Council Member Terrance Middleton: No, report.

Council Member Angela Anderson: Mrs. Anderson encouraged all to visit The Andrews Helping Hands Office and take advantage of the services and assistance offered by this organization. The organization provides Information about local employment opportunities as well as compassionate care services offered throughout the Georgetown County area.

Council Member Bradley Prince: Mr. Prince stated that he attended the MASC HLAD Session and the MEO Training Session in February. He was very pleased with the topics discussed. He stressed the importance of a good education and how the future of S.C. will depend on our students and their level of education. He enjoyed the trainings and was provided an opportunity to engage in some rich and vital conversations with other elected officials from across the state. He learned that a majority of municipalities across the state of S.C. are having a difficult hiring and retaining good police officers. Overall, he learned a lot and enjoyed the networking and look forward to gaining more knowledge that will afford him the opportunity to better fulfill his duties as a Town Council Member.

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee: Mr. Lee addressed Mr. Marion Brown's concerns by stating that the Town of Andrews infrastructure has been neglected for the past 40 years and the drainage system in the

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community where Mr. Brown resides is stopped up and this has been an ongoing problem, which he is working hard to get Georgetown County to resolve. Over the past month he has assisted the Public Works

Department by filing various work orders to have water leaks repaired, sewer backups resolved, street lights repaired and on his personal time he cleaned the Andrews Railroad Bed Park with the assistance of Mr. Jerome Johnson prior to the Annual Martin Luther King Day March and program. He made two trips to Altman Tractor Company in Florence to get parts to have the Town's backhoe repaired. Mr. Lee is always making himself available to assist and help out in any capacity that is needed.

Fire Chief Robert Stamper: Mr. Stamper reported that the AFD responded to 30 calls during the month of February. From November 11th 2018 to February 11th 2019 the AFD has responded to 100 calls and a total of 534 firemen responded at a total cost of \$8,145.00. Mr. Josh Alford of Andrews Metal Works loaned the department his lull and man basket to take down the Christmas Lights and he encouraged all to offer Mr. Alford a word of thanks. The AFD was selected by the SC Firefighters Association to have an Audit performed by the Association's CPA Firm Greene Finney LLP for the following years 2016, 2017 and 2018. The department completed Form 302 VIP reporting for the Firefighter's 2018 tax deduction.

Police Chief Tyrone York: Chief York stated that the department is growing. The department has ordered vest for all police officers and they are expected to arrive by the end of March. The department made two arrests with the assistance of the secret service as it pertains to counterfeit money in the area.

Mayor McClary announced that the Quality Assurance Manger Justin Duncan is away attending a job related training.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary stated that a formal letter will be sent from the Town of Andrews to Georgetown County to address the Town's concerns about the 1% Sales Tax revenue. He reemphasized that 1.5 million dollars has been designated for the construction of the Andrews Municipal Complex which was severely underfunded. The County ordinance Number 2014-28 governs the distribution of the 1% Sale Tax Funds and the ordinance stated that if any of the projects come in under the designated cost for construction then that surplus should be reallocated to other prioritized projects. The Andrews Municipal Complex is Number three on the list of approved projects for funding; therefore the Town will be requesting an additional 5 Million Dollars of the surplus be allocated towards the construction of its project. April 30th 2019 will be the last day for the County to collect funds from the 1% Sales Tax and at that time an estimated 18 to 20 Million Dollars will have been collected in surplus. The citizens of Andrews are being taxed three times for road repairs, once by the State, by the County's road use tax and then by the 1% Sales Tax. A total of 8 Million Dollars has been spent for road repairs but not for any road with in the Town of Andrews. These are concerns that will be addressed on behalf of the citizens of Andrews. The Oneita Knitting Mill location will be the new home of a Distribution Company that will begin its operation during the first week of March 2019. The company is estimated to hire 15 to 20 workers at the start of its operation. Discussion is on going with a Mobile Medical and Dental Unit that will be coming to Andrews to provide services to the underinsured and uninsured. Discussion is also ongoing

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with three developers who are considering developing Affordable Housing in the Town of Andrews. Helping Hands of Andrews is providing soft skills training services to help prepare individuals for the workforce. Last month 63,000 jobs were available in South Carolina but the workforce is not prepared. Ms. Geneva Coleman was recognized for her work with Freedom Readers a literacy program for youth in the Andrews Community. Volunteers are needed to work with the program. It was stated that the Nature

Conservancy Group is working to help resolve the Town of Andrews storm drainage problems. The Rosemary Middle School girls' basketball team and their coach Ms. Michelle Scott was recognized as being undefeated 12-0, Tournament and Conference Camps.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.