

Town of Andrews

**Monthly Town Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:00 p.m.
101 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC**

Mayor McClary stated that due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the implementation of social distancing measures, the physical meeting is closed to the public. The meeting is being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Emergency Operations Center Facebook messenger page.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021. 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 Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member James Altman
Council Member Eddie Lee
Council Member Rob Stamper
Council Member Amy Flagler

Mayor McClary stated that a correction has been made to the Thursday, October 21, 2021 meeting minutes. The financial report presented covered the time period of the first three months of FY 2021-2022 and not the two-month time period as stated in the minutes.

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to approve the Thursday, October 21, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes with the noted correction. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, motion carried.**

Monthly Bank Statements

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

Financial Report

Brenda Jackson CPA for the Town of Andrews presented Town Council members with a review of the Town of Andrews Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the two months ended October 31, 2021.

Citizens' Comment

There were no citizen comments online.

Presentation

Angela Barwick and Tyrone Wallace introduced the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Senior Companion Program that will be coming to the rural areas of Williamsburg, Georgetown and Horry Counties. The program is scheduled to kick-off in Andrews on January 1, 2022. Senior companion services provide customized support, transportation and friendship for older adults who want to live at home, stay healthy and remain as independent as possible. These services are free and available to anyone. Through this service, trained companions visit older adults in their homes and provide friendship, assistance at home and transportation to community activities, a few hours each week. These services are provided in partnership with AmeriCorps Seniors, formerly known as Senior Corps. This is a national service agency that connects volunteers, who are age 55 and older, with the people and organizations that need them the most. Volunteers will be paid a stipend, reimbursed for mileage and even afforded a small snack. Tyrone Wallace of Neighbor to Neighbor added that this program is not new it was started on 2005. The organization is located in Pawleys Island and North Myrtle Beach. Neighbor to Neighbor provides volunteer transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, pharmacy visits and other errands, social service appointments, beauty/barber shop appointments, and other life-sustaining or life-enhancing appointments or events. They also provide assistance to seniors through local food banks. The Organizations representatives will come into the community and introduce the Organization and its missions to other non-profit groups and churches to gain support.

Administrator's Report

Art Baker Project Engineer for Georgetown County Public Works provided an update on the Storm Drain project. The County has been working with the Town of Andrews for a few years on this project. To date four million dollars in funding has been secured for the project. The design phase of the project is completed. Permits have been required with the exception of a permit from SCDOT which is a work in progress. The County is in the process of working out a maintenance agreement with the Town and the State once the project is completed. The County is working with the town to help secure the required 44 easements from property owners. The storm water models, designs and feasibility studies have been completed. The entire project is in review by the environmental division of FEMA. The goal is to have the project ready for bidding in late spring or early summer. The total construction of the project is expected to be completed within 18 months. The project is estimated to address approximately 30% of the current storm drain water that the town is experiencing.

Daniel Wallace Engineer for the Town's RIA project, which is currently underway on County Line Road provided a project progress report. He stated that the Deer Wood Estates and County Line pump stations project is near completion. The initial startup test was implemented today. Duke Progress Energy has to install power at one of the stations. The emergency generators were tested and everything

is working according to expectation. The new stations will have horse/lift capabilities, backup power on site, and Verizon base communication devices. The Town Administrator thanked all of departments for their assistance in making the Town's Heritage Festival a success. The Annual Christmas parade will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 3pm. Ms. Carla Mackenzie will be spare heading the event. Vendors will be allowed during the event. Guidance was provided to Town Council in regards to citizens who have experienced damage due to pot holes. Citizens must file a report with the APD, document any damages, file claims with their insurance companies and have the damages repaired. The Town will only reimburse for damages once proof of damages, proof of claims, and proof of repairs have been made are presented. Waccamaw Economic Opportunity Council is an organization that provides services to citizens in Georgetown, Williamsburg and Horry Counties. The organization provides assistance with utilities, water bills, home weatherization, employment assistance, home evictions and mortgage assistance. Cost RSTA is a bus transportation system that provides safe, reliable and affordable mass transportation that enhances the quality of life for residents and supports the growth of tourism. The companies have several bus stop locations within the Town of Andrews: Andrews Library, Piggly Wiggly, Newton's General Store and Clifford Street. They are requesting that Restricted No Parking signs be placed at each bus stop. This will be an issue for the Town Council to address.

Council Report

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince requested that the issue raised by Chief Robert Stamper in his report pertaining to the temporary building for the Fire trucks be addressed. In response, Mayor McClary stated that Chief Stamper can move forward with obtaining quotes for submission for the purchase of a heater, to address the heating concern. In addition, it was stated that in reference to water availability, AFD can utilize the existing water source located on the concrete pad at public works. Trinity Methodist Church will host Jingle Market this Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with live music and vendors in an effort to raise money for the school.

Council Member Angela Anderson inquired about the scheduling of a Town Spring Clean-Up. She stated that the Ebenezer Baptist Church food bank will be December 8, 2021 from 8am until 1pm. In response Mayor McClary stated that the Town will host a Fall Clean -Up. He added that public works has the equipment to provide debris pick up and they will soon begin picking up debris during the departments down time as part of its routine maintenance schedule.

Council Member Robert Stamper thanked the public works department for their dedication, hard work and quick response to the recent water main brake and water pressure loss that the Town experienced. He thanked all who played a role in making the Heritage Festival a success this year. He addressed a concern that was brought to his attention. He inquired about the status of hosting face -to- face Town Council meetings and opening meetings up to the public since there was a lot of congregating among the staff and public during the Heritage

Festival. Mayor McClary stated that this concern will be taken into consideration and a resolution will be provided by the next Town Council meeting. He also inquired about the status of the Town applying for funding being released by the government to local police departments and for infrastructure. In response Mayor McClary stated that the funding is coming from the ARP American Rescue Plan at an amount up to 75 percent, of the Municipality's budget. The Town is registered and ready to receive this funding. A special call meeting will be scheduled to further discuss plans for ARP funding. Ms. Dorsey added that there is additional discussion about additional funding for public safety funding but currently the state has announced no plans or guidelines on how those funds will be released. Lastly, he commented about the Public Safety Complex funds being depleted, and he noticed that the contractors are still working on the building. He inquired about the status of the construction. Are they finishing a phase or will they continue to work until the law suit has been resolved? In response, Mayor McClary stated that the public safety bank account funds have been depleted, in addition to the \$150,000.00 received from the SC Senate that was air marked for the project. The contractors are completing work that was paid for in advance. The Town is continuing to work with GMK Construction until a decision is rendered in the law suit filed against Georgetown County.

Council Member Amy Flagler thanked all who organized and supported the Andrews Heritage Festival for making it a success. She requested that Gospel singing be integrated into the festival next year.

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that he attended the MASC MEO Advanced training on October 13, 2021 in Columbia, SC. A few hot topics discussed during the session were town's operating their own electric sources and maintaining water systems. SC DHEC will soon require towns to identify all parts of their water and sewer infrastructure. He spoke about a few of the regulations and mandates that OSHA and DHEC enforce as pertaining to health and safety issues in the day-to-day operations of Towns. In closing he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary announced that the Church of God will host their Thanksgiving program on November 21, 2021 at 6pm. The Kingstree Christmas parade will be held on November 21 starting at 1pm until 4pm. The Andrews Christmas parade will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 3pm followed by the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 5pm. Singing in the Park at the gazebo will follow the tree lighting. The recent loss of water pressure was caused by a company whose employees broke a waterline while installing fiber optic cable lines. The company will be held responsible for the man hours and repairs to the Town's system. The newly elected officials will be sworn in to office in January. An orientation training will be scheduled for the newly elected officials as well as all other elected officials during the month of January. Ms. Williams the Town's Code Enforcer is currently in Columbia, SC attending code enforcement and, fire safety training. The Code Enforcer has been instructed to educate the public on the town's codes and grant them time to come into compliance before issuing citations. He thanked the APD leadership for doing a great job protecting our citizens and fighting crime. He thanked all for helping the Town to have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.