

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

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.

ANDREWS, SC 29510

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 6. MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 7. FINANCIAL REPORT**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - **WAIVING OF PERMIT FEES FOR FLOOD VICTIMS**
 - **PURCHASE OF JETTING UNIT FOR PUBLIC WORKS**
 - **NEW VEHICLES FOR PUBLIC WORKS**
 - **HOLIDAY STIPEND**
- 10. CITIZENS COMMENTS (Three (3) minutes only)**
- 11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 12. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**
- 13. COUNCIL REPORTS (Three (3) minutes only)**
- 14. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-4-70 (A) (1): DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS**
- 16. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

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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, November 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Angela Anderson presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Invocation was rendered by Christopher Anderson
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

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

Council Member Mattie McGee entered later

Motion was made by Council Member Sudha Patel and seconded by Council Member David Tisdale to approve the minutes from October 23, 2015 Town Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. **Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Greene: Yes, Motion carried.**

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

Financial Report

There was no Financial Report made.

Old Business

There was no Old Business for discussion.

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New Business

Waiving of permit fees for flood victims: Motion was made by Council Member David Tisdale and seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene that the Town of Andrews waive all building permits fees for citizens of Andrews SC who experienced flood damage and are repairing their personal homes back to their original conditional before the recent flooding. **Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Greene: Yes, Motion carried.**

Purchase of jetting unit for Public Works: Council Member Eddie Lee made the motion and it was seconded by Council Member David Tisdale the Town of Andrews purchase the jetting unit that was presented to them by the Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey. **Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Mattie McGee; Yes, Council Member Patsy Greene: Yes, Motion carried.**

New Vehicles for Public Works: Council Members were provided a list of seven vehicles from Love Chevrolet out of Columbia SC to review and to make recommendations on the type, size and how many vehicles the Town of Andrews may want to purchase. Love Chevrolet was recently awarded the State Fleet Contract.

Holiday Stipend: The motion was made by Council Member Mattie McGee and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee that the employees of the Town of Andrews and volunteer firefighters receive the same holiday stipend that they received in 2014. **Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Mattie McGee; Yes, Council Member Patsy Greene: Yes, Motion carried.**

Citizens Comments

Jerome Johnson of 6 Pope Street: Mr. Johnson addressed Council about the inconsistency of trash pick-up throughout the Town of Andrews. He voiced his opinion that it is time for the Town of Andrews to invest in a new trash truck for the delay of trash pick-up is getting old.

Christopher Anderson of 508 Martin Luther King Drive: Mr. Anderson addressed Council by stating that upon his termination from the Town of Andrews and him serving as Chief Financial Advisor the Town had some unresolved issues. During his tenure with the Town as Chief Financial Advisor he faced opposition from several Town Officials and he also discovered various

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issues or concerns with in the Town of Andrews Finances from 2006 until the present. It was his recommendation that a forensic audit be conducted on the Financials of the Town of Andrews. It is his recommendation that the Town use some of the \$600,000.00 he discovered in the Town books that was incorrectly posted as adjusting entries to cover the cost of the forensic audit.

Jesse James Holt of 717 E. Ashland Avenue: Mr. Holt addressed Council with his concern about of the garbage collection or the lack of within the Town of Andrews.

Frank McClary of 803 W. Elmwood Street: Mr. McClary proposed several questions to Council. He stated that a financial report was not given but he would like to know the current financial status of the Town are we in good standing or not? Has the monthly bills and payroll been paid? What is the plan to get someone in place to handle the Town's finances? Mr. McClary strongly suggested that Council add a trash truck to the list of vehicles to purchase for the Public Works Department. Mayor Pro tem requested that the Town Administrator address Mr. McClary's questions in her report.

Lottie Guitard of 9 Privet Street: Mrs. Guitard another citizen of the Town of Andrews voiced concerns about the poor trash collection service here within the Town of Andrews. She stated that her trash has not been picked up in two weeks.

Jennifer Anderson of 207 S. Farr Ave: Ms. Anderson voiced her concerns about the trash collection within the Town of Andrews, also. Ms. Anderson pointed out that her concerns centers around the block between Cactus Street and Short Street. This is a location where individuals keep dumping house hold debris such as old furniture, mattresses etc. Ms. Anderson pleaded with Council to have the Town workers to pick up that type of debris on a regular basis because it's embracing to have trash piled up on the side of the roads in the Town in which you live.

Marva Sessions of 9 Raymond Street: Mrs. Session addressed Council by suggested that the Town consider hosting a Clean-up Day to get the citizens involved with cleaning up the Town.

Glendell Jackson of 1005 MLK Drive lot #15: Ms. Jackson addressed council for the second time with concerns about water and sewer issues at her home. Ms. Jackson stated that Mayor Giles, a reporter from the Georgetown Times and Mr. Dew the public works supervisor finally came out to test her water after months of making several requests. Mr. Dew informed Ms. Jackson that her water is safe to drink, however he stated that the tester he used is out of date and needs to be replaced. Ms. Jackson stated that it is her belief that the water at her home is not sanitary to use because sewer is severely backed up in the mobile home park where she lives and the area is very disgusting.

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Administrator's Report

Mrs. Dorsey addressed Ms. Glendell Jackson's concern by stating that she will follow up with Mr. Dew because a new water testing kit was just ordered by for him at the end of September therefore he should have never made the statement that the tester he was using was out of date. As early as May 2015 the Town reached out to the mobile home park owner to inform them that the sewer back up is on private property and it is the responsibility of the property owner to have the problem corrected. Mrs. Dorsey informed Ms. Guitard that she would go back and investigate why her trash has not been picked up over the last two weeks and see about getting that issue resolved. Mrs. Dorsey stated to Ms. Anderson that the Town Code doesn't cover the pick-up or removal of large items such as mattresses, TV's toilets etc. Dumping of these items within the Town of Andrews is a direct violation and individuals can be issued a ticket if caught doing so. Mrs. Dorsey told Ms. Anderson that the Town has order no Dumping signs to place at such locations with a posting of the fine for violating the Town Code of illegal dumping. Ms. Dorsey stated to the Citizens of Andrews that Council's main goal is to seek financing for the purchase of a trash truck because they are aware of the trash problem here in Andrews and they are working towards resolving the problem. SCDOT has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at Andrews High School Cafeteria from 5pm until 7pm to discuss the plans for Phase II of the Andrews Bypass. Mrs. Dorsey informed Council that they need to come together and set up an Emergency Management Plan for the Town of Andrews. Mrs. Dorsey concluded her report by announcing that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 5:30pm and the Annual Christmas Parade will be on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 3pm.

Department Head Reports

Fire Department: Mackie Watford stated that the fire Department will be assisting with the hanging of Christmas Lights along Main Street.

Public Works Department: No report.

Police Department: Lieutenant Melvyn Garrett stated that they are still reviewing applications for the open position in that department. He announced that the Federal SNAP Program will be in Andrews on December 1, thru the 3, 2015 at the Recreational Center at 9am until 7pm daily.

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Council's Report

Council Member McGee thanked those citizens who came out to the emergency shelter during the flooding and brought the required supplies. Mrs. McGee advised citizens on the importance of bringing the required supplies such as medication, pillows etc. Mrs. McGee told the citizens that if they were denied by FEMA then they need to file an amendment.

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that he met with Senator Ronnie Sabb and Mayor Elect Frank McClary at the Andrews High School on November 4 and was supplied with additional information of Health and Safety Issues after the flood. He also met with a gentleman who provided him with information concerning the condition of some local bridges in the area and he stated that plans are in place to replace the bridge on Hwy 701 next year.

Council Member Sudha Patel thanked and extended a warm welcome to Mayor Elect Frank McClary and the Council Members Elect who won in the recent election. Ms. Patel announced that the food, drinks and supplies distribution is still being handled at the Andrews Elementary School and they still have some supplies that they will use to present Thanksgiving Baskets to individuals who were displaced by the flood.

Council Member Greene thanked all who came out and supported the Back to School Fest. She would like to honor one family who stayed after the program ended and assisted with the cleaning up of the gym. Ms. Greene also stressed the fact that Andrews is in need of their own local EOC to serve the citizens of Andrews during time of emergencies.

Council Member David Tisdale: Announced that the Police Chief will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for the seniors at the Senior Citizens Center next week. He apologized to the citizens for the mess with garbage collection in the Town of Andrews.

Council Member Angela Anderson: Apologized to the Citizens of Andrews for the poor garbage collection service that they have been receiving and she further stated that the Town is in need of more equipment and they are making plans to help resolve this issue.

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Executive Session

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Sudha Patel to enter into Executive Session in according to Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) to discuss personnel matters.

Motion was made by Council Member Patsy Greene and seconded by Council Member Mattie McGee to come out of Executive Session.

Council Member Angela Anderson stated that no decision was rendered during Executive Session as it relates to the personnel matters that were discussed.

Motion was made by Council Member David Tisdale and seconded by Council Member Sudha Patel to direct the Town administrator Mauretta Dorsey to assess all Town employee expenses.

Adjournment

Council Member Eddie Lee made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm and was seconded by Council Member Mattie McGee.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson, Town Clerk.