

Town of Andrews

Andrews Town Council Meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023 6:00 p.m. 110 North Morgan Avenue Andrews, SC 29510

The Town of Andrews met for its Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023. 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 Chaplain Degoris Brown
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Robert Stamper
Council Member Amy Flagler

New Business

Presentation: Business/Citizen of the Quarter. Reynolds Drug Store and Ms. Tammy Graham, store manager for Advance Auto were each presented with a Town of Andrews Shining Star Award for acts of kindness extended to Food Truck owners, allowing them to park and serve the community from their place of business.

Resolution No. 2023-02 Support of Funding for Ongoing Implementation of South Carolina's Black River Park Network: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper to approve Resolution No. 2023-02, Support of Funding for Ongoing Implementation of South Carolina's Black River Park Network. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, motion carried.**

First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-03, an ordinance establishing an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-03, an ordinance relating to an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, motion carried.**

First Reading of the Town of Andrews Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance No. 2023-04, an ordinance pertaining to the Town of Andrews Flood Damage Prevention. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the First Reading of the Town of Andrews Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance No. 2023-03. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, motion carried.**

Mayor's Comments

Mayor McClary informed everyone that he will be leaving the meeting early to support Rosemary Middle School Talent Show where he will serve as a judge. Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee will preside over the remainder of the meeting upon Mayor McClary's exit. Mayor McClary expounded on the topic of animal control. The Town will enter into an agreement with St. Francis Humane Society for the housing of animals from the Town of Andrews. The manager of the Humane Society has space available to house six kennels at a time. The Town will be responsible for providing the kennels for the Humane Society. However, the collecting and transporting of the animals from the Town to the Humane Society in Georgetown still has to be worked out with Georgetown County. The EMS crisis is still unresolved. There is an upcoming scheduled meeting to discuss this issue with the county officials. He stated that Georgetown County decided to remove the EMS services from the Town without officially notifying anyone from the Town and this has in turn put the lives of the citizens of Andrews at jeopardy. Moreover, this is totally unacceptable and must be rectified immediately. In addition, the county began the process of demolishing the old gym located at the Andrews Recreational Center without obtaining the proper work permits thus putting the Town's citizens at risk once again when a county employee came in contact with an unmarked gas line during the unauthorized demolition. He added that it will take the voice of the people to reach Georgetown County Officials and demand that EMS be relocated in the Town. Mayor McClary informed the citizens that over 400 water bill accounts are currently being reviewed. No service will be interrupted until the review process has been completed. Customer accounts are being reviewed to ensure that no more mistakes are made in the processing and mailing of bills. However, customers can make payments on their accounts while accounts are being reviewed. Sections of the Town are blocked off near Magnolia Ave due to collapsed sewer lines. Engineers are currently working to further assess the issue and to develop a plan of action to fix the issue. In closing, he announced that construction work will begin next week on the Beech Street Waterline Upgrade project.

Trip Marlowe provided an update on the Town's Visioning Plan. He stated that he will be ready to give a very detailed presentation on the status of the Town's Visioning Plan in a couple of weeks. His office has been diligently working on the visioning plan to meet the deadline to apply for funding through Senator Lindsey Graham's office. Funds are potentially earmarked for the Town of Andrews improvement projects to include; street scrape improvement, trail path with greenway infrastructure from the Town to Red's Landing. The total funding request from Senator Graham's office's 3.6 million dollars and the Town would receive 3.187 million of that funding for proposed projects.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper to approve the minutes for the Thursday, February, 16, 2023 Town Council Meeting, Mayor **Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, motion carried.**

Monthly Bank statements

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

Financial Report

Brenda Jackson, CPA for the Town of Andrews provided Town Council members with a copy of the Town of Andrews Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the eight months ended February 28, 2023 in their packets for review.

Citizen's Comments

Michael Davis 108 Eltaw Street addressed the Andrews Town Council with concerns pertaining to the zoning of his property being Limited Industrial with the enactment of the 2001 Town of Andrews Zoning Ordinance. He stated that his property has always been his primary place of residency and he feels like the community in which he lives should have never been zoned Limited Industrial and requested that the Andrews Town Council consider reversing the zoning back to a Residential District without him having to submit a Rezoning application to the Planning Commission.

Jennifer Hunt 207 South Farr Avenue came before the members of the Andrews Town Council and thanked them for the great job they are doing. She stated that she is a member of a 501c3 non- profit group called the Andrews Beautification Group. The group is accepting donations for a project to address 41 Blighted properties located within the Town. The Group meets the second Thursday of each month at the Church of God located at 210 North Morgan Avenue and they are accepting new members.

Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator explained to Michael Davis that State Statute requires that towns and counties have Planning Commissions and Board of Zoning Appeals in place to address zoning concerns, therefore Town Council doesn't have the authority to address such issues. The Planning Commission would have to review the Town's Entire Comprehensive Plan and to make recommendations for any changes to the current zoning ordinance to change the zoning district of an entire area or community within the town limits, which is a very detailed and lengthy process. It was announced that construction of the Beech Avenue Waterline Upgrade project which was awarded to Carolina Tap and Bore Inc. will begin next week. The construction company stated that it plans to complete the project before the 245-day deadline. CDBG has a new grant funding for which applications are due tomorrow. The Town plans to submit an application to address infrastructure issues on South Magnolia Avenue, South Rosemary Avenue and Cherry Street. Ms. Wilson informed Town Council that Georgetown County experienced a cyber-attack in 2021 that wiped out its entire computer system and last week the County experienced another cyber-attack. She reminded the employees and staff of the Town of Andrews to be vigilant about opening emails from certain organizations. She added that she will be attending a cyber security training session on next week and the Town will need to invest funding into keeping its system safe from such attacks. She announced that the Town has hired a new Billing Clerk, Shaunlesse Taylor. Council members were

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reminded that their state ethics report is due March 30th. A Food Truck Fest will be held on April 8, 2023 along Main Street from 12noon until 7p.m.; this will be a community lead event. Tripp Muldrow, Holly Owens and Blake Sanders were recognized for their hard work and efforts to make the Town viable to receive funding for the Back River Initiative. She recognized the public works department for the great job they are doing. She also recognized the AFD for their hard work especially during this time considering the workload for the department has increased tremendously since Georgetown County relocated its EMS services to the Big Dam Community. The Town Administrator agreed to prepare a petition for concerns citizens to circulate throughout the Town and present to the Georgetown County Council during their next meeting as a means to address the EMS issue. A special thank you went out to the AFD for their recent response and excellent service rendered to a citizen of the Big Dam Community who was in distress, even though the individual passed away the following day. The APD was recognized for coming into compliance with the new House Bill 3050. Lastly, everyone was invited to meet Mayor McClary at Town Hall on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 6pm for a Special Presentation.

Council Reports

Council Member Amy Flagler, no report.

Council Member Robert Stamper stated that due to his work schedule he wasn't in attendance at the February 16, 2023 meeting. He mentioned that he enjoyed attending the MASC HLAD and MEO training sessions last month. He thanked his colleagues for their hard work and dedication to completing the MASC required training for elected officials, and thus the Town of Andrews was listed on the MASC Honor Roll.

Council Member Angela Anderson suggested that an item be added to the monthly meeting agenda to highlight organizations, groups and individuals who are promoting positive things in the Town of Andrews. She reminded everyone of the free classes that are being offered at the Andrews Library to assist individuals with obtaining their GED or High School diploma. She thanked the public works department for assisting her with a water problem at her home.

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee shared the details of the Andrews Town Codes that addresses railroads with in the Town of Andrews. He further shared highlights from research that he himself performed on the Palmetto Rail Road Service of South Carolina as it pertains to the transporting of hazardous materials and railroad derailments.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Council Member Robert Stamper and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.