

Town of Andrews
Council Meeting
Sheriff's Department Sub-Station Courtroom
110 North Morgan Avenue
Andrews, SC 29510
Thursday, December 17, 2015
6:00 PM

Agenda

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Invocation
- III.** Pledge of Allegiance
- IV.** Roll Call
- V.** Approval of Minutes
- VI.** Monthly Bank Statements: For information only
- VII.** Citizen Comments (Three (3) minutes only)
- VIII.** Old Business
 - Budget Constraints
 - Decision regarding new vehicles
- IX.** New Business
 - RIA Grant change: \$69,485.00
 - ADP Payroll Processing
- X.** Administrator's Report
- XI.** Council's Report
- XII.** Department Head Reports
- XIII.** Mayor's Report
- XIV.** Adjourn

**Town Council Monthly Meeting
Thursday December, 17, 2015 @6:00 pm**

Sheriffs Sub-Station 110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Special Called Meeting on Thursday December 17, 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 6:05 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Anderson
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Sudha Patel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2015 Council Meeting. Council Member David Tisdale seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizens Comments

Citizen **Verney Cumbee** of Riley Street stated that he has come before council more than once in regards to acquiring sewage at his residence that he is paying for but not receiving the service from the town. He stated that several officials from the Town are aware of the situation but no one has gotten back to him with any answers at this point and he wants to know why. Attorney Carter stated that he should write a formal complaint to the town as opposed to approaching and individual from Town Hall with the complaint about sewer. He continued that with a formal written complaint the issue at hand should be handled formally and in the correct manner.

Citizen **Denise Timmons** came before Mayor and Council in regards to the continuance of receiving a regular water bill when she has been displaced from the recent floods. Utility Billing Clerk Keena Cumbee informed Mrs. Timmons that there is no record of who has been displaced during the floods, but if you have been displaced are urged to come to Town Hall during normal business hours and the account will be assessed and credited as needed.

Citizen **Kathy Mitchum** came before Mayor and Council stating that since the floods the Town has been average billing or estimating the readings. She wanted to know that in the event the meter over or under reads will the account be credited the overage/underage. Utility Billing Clerk Keena Cumbee stated that any overage on the meter during the estimated time frame will be credited and any under readings on the meter the customer will be billed on subsequent bills when the meter reader actually reads the meter versus an estimated/averaged bill. Mrs. Mitchum asked where are the Town officials and volunteers on the Disaster Relief within the Town. Council Members Eddie Lee, Sudha Patel, David Tisdale as well as Mayor-Elect Frank McClary addressed Mrs. Mitchum with her concerns and referred her to the correct agencies for help.

Citizen **Greg Bennett** stood before mayor and council in regards to the Andrews Veterans Association. He stated that the veterans of the Town is underserved and does not receive some of the same services as fellow veterans in surrounding areas. He stated that transportation is a big issue in the area that veterans from Andrews has to meet a shuttle at the McDonalds in Georgetown to get a ride to the VA Hospital in Charleston as well as other areas. He encouraged the new Administration to adopt the Mayors Veterans Advisory Council to help fellow Veterans. He continued that this group will meet once per month to go over ideas to make the group better as well as getting the community more involved in Veterans and Memorial Day activities.

Councilman Elect **Terrence Middleton** came before mayor and council in regards to the trash pickup throughout the town. He wanted to know has mayor and council found a feasible solution to solve the trash situation that is in the best interest of the Town and the Citizens. Council Member Lee stated that it is an ongoing situation and that he is doing everything that he can to get the problem under control.

Old Business

Council Member David Tisdale read a passage from Article 10 Section 8 of the Constitution regarding the Town of Andrews Budget. After reading the passage Mr. David continued that there has been an individual working in water/sewer without the consultation with council who is making an obscene amount of money as opposed to the current employees of the Town. He stated that not only is it an insult to every employee in the Town but it is also an insult to every taxpayer of the town and it must be stopped.

Council Member David Tisdale made a motion that if Clark Creel desires to continue temporarily helping the Town he will then be compensated in accordance with the top spot which is the Water/Sewer supervisor who will be paid on the same schedule as the current employees of the Town. He continued that if he desires to be paid by the hour it will be equivalent to \$22.00 an hour. Council Member Sudha Patel seconded the motion. Council Member Tisdale-Yes, Council Member Greene-No, Council Member Lee-Yes, Council Member Patel-Yes, Council Member McGee-Yes, Council Member Anderson-Yes. Motion Carried.

Council Member David Tisdale made a motion to institute a spending freeze until the new Mayor and members of Council are sworn in. He continued that this will include all expenditures and discretionary spending including but not limited to contract, hiring, special projects, new equipment and new vehicles. Council Member McGee-Yes, Council Member Tisdale-Yes, Council Member Patel-Yes, Council Member Anderson-Yes, Council Member Greene-Yes, Council Member Lee- Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

In regards to the RIA Grant change in the amount of \$69,485.00 Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Anderson stated that being that there is a spending freeze this item is not up for discussion at this time.

In regards to ADP Payroll Processing council members Greene and Lee stated that it is a service that is needed and that it is lower than what was budgeted. They insisted that a vote should be placed so that the company can begin work in the coming New Year. Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson stated that in the absence of the

Mayor and Town Administrator this item should be tabled until more information can be brought forth.

Council Member Patsy Greene made a motion to Adopt ADP Payroll Processing effective January 1 2016. Council Member Angela Anderson seconded the motion. Council Member Lee-Yes, Council Member Patel- Abstained, Council Member Anderson- Yes, Council Member Tisdale-Yes, Council Member Mcgee- Yes, Council Member Greene- Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Elect Frank McClary stated that he as well as the members of council will revisit the issue at hand during the new administration.

Administrators Report

There was no report at this time.

Councils Report

Council Member Lee stated that he attended a recent meeting regarding the Bypass and it should be completed in 2020. He ended by stating that he fully supports the new mayor and council members because everyone should be there for the betterment of the Town.

Council Member Patel wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. She thanked the Fire Department and volunteers for helping to put up the Christmas Decorations throughout the town as well as Town Hall. She thanked the members of council who are leaving for their service to the Town and she wished them well in the future. Council Member Patel continued that serving on council accounts for a lot of hours away from family and friends with no big pay in return. She added that the media recently stated that the Town council are in it for the money and to which she strongly disagrees. Council Member Patel ended by again thanking everyone for their support over the years.

Council Member Greene recognized a family who volunteered their services during the Back to School Fest. Council Member Greene ended by thanking everyone for their support over the years and she wished everyone well in any future endeavors.

Council Member Tisdale thanked all members of council for their dedication and support over the years and he welcomes the new council. He continued that he attended the meeting in regards to the Andrews Bypass and obtained some

Copies of the comment sheets and the deadline for submittal is December 23, 2015.

Department Head Report

Mr. Stamper stood and thanked everyone for a good year and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chief Capers wished everyone a Happy Holiday and to pray for Joyce Williams on the death of her Brother in Law. He continued that his police staff has donated money and bought supplies to help sponsor the less fortunate for Christmas. He ended by stating that Officer Stone and Officer Tucker will be coming from the Academy soon.

Mayors Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Anderson thanked the various departments within the Town of Andrews for a great year and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Attorney Carter stated that it is his understanding that the new Mayor Elect Frank McClary will be sworn in on January, 2 2016 by Magistrate Court Judge McNeil. He added that it is his understanding that this swearing in will be for the mayor as well as council.

Adjournment

Council Member Eddie Lee made motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson

*Council Minutes submitted by Keena Cumbee *