

Town of Andrews

**AndrewsTown Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, March 17, 2022 6:00 p.m.
101 N Morgan Avenue Andrews, SC 29510**

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 Public Hearing and Town Council meeting are being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Facebook page.

The Town of Andrews met for its Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Angela Anderson
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Amy Flagler
Council Member Robert Ulrich
Council Member James Altman

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the Thursday, February 17 2022 Town Council meeting minutes. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altam; Yes, Council Member Robert Ulrich; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; 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

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 for the eight months ended February 28, 2022.

New Business

Resolution Number 2022-02: Fair Housing Resolution. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve Resolution Number 2022-02. Resolution Number 2022-02 designating April 2022 as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Andrews, South Carolina. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Ulrich; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, motion carried.**

SRF Grant Application: Motion was made by Council Member Robert Ulrich and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee to accept the report presented by Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey regarding the SRF Grant Application submission to SC RIA and to DHEC State Revolving Loan Principal Forgiveness Program in the amount of \$97,000.00 for a water system modeling, mapping and capital improvement project. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Ulrich; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, motion carried.**

Storm Water Maintenance Agreement: Mayor McClary presented the details of the Storm Water Maintenance Agreement for the new storm water outfall. Once the project has been completed the required maintenance will be the responsibility of the Town of Andrews and Georgetown County. The Town of Andrews will have a designated section for which the Town will be responsible for maintaining and Georgetown County Public Works will be responsible for maintenance of the remaining section.

410 N. Farr Avenue (Town's property): Pastor Joe Lambert of the Andrews Church of God presented a proposal to the Andrews Town Council to establish a Homeless Shelter at 410 N. Farr Avenue as the Church of God Isaiah 58 Project. The church will be responsible for all operations and expenses associated with operating the shelter. The shelter would operate as an overnight shelter. The church would be responsible for all security. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to table further discussion on this matter until the Andrews Church of God provides a written plan for the proposed Homeless Shelter. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Ulrich; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

There was one citizen comment post online that referenced animal control which was a repeat from the past several months and the response remained the same. Mayor McClary stated that he will request the Town's Code Enforcer to visit the individual to further discuss the concerns of animal control.

Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator stated that the only update she had to present was the SRF Grant Application.

Council Reports

Council Member James Altman requested that the Andrews Police and Public Works departments provide Town Council members with a monthly activity report summarizing the departments actively on a monthly basis. Upon receiving these reports Town Council Members will be more knowledgeable about the departments duties. Mayor McClary stated that the employees in these departments are working very hard to maintain a safe and good quality of life and to provide excellent customer service to the citizens of Andrews while operating with a limited staff.

Council Member Amy Flagler addressed the concerns with citizens who are living in campers in the Town of Andrews. She stated that there are some citizens who have been residing in their campers for many years due mainly due to the fact that the Town has been neglecting to enforce its zoning ordinances which governs such structures. These individuals are now faced with the hardship of relocating to a new residence. In response, Mayor McClary stated that the Town of Andrews taken steps to educate and work with these citizens to assist them with becoming compliant with the Town's zoning ordinances. However, the Town must address these violations, to eliminate the risk of the Town being held liable if a disaster occurs and someone suffered bodily harm. In addition, such living conditions within any community greatly decreases the property values of other properties within that community. He placed emphasis on the fact that zoning regulations are designed to protect citizens and the community as a whole.

Council Member Robert Ulrich inquired about the financial recording of the Covid relief funds received by the Town of Andrews. The Town Clerk Chaconas Parson informed the members of Town Council that the Covid relief funds have been deposited into the equipment bank account and copies of all bank statements are included in the Town Council member's monthly packets for their review. Council Member Ulrich made referenced to the financial documents indicating that the Andrews Police department line item for salaries is under budget and he questioned is a result of the department being understaffed. Mayor McClary stated that the police department was fully staffed until several employees recently resigned from their positions. Lastly, he made reference to a letter that was enclosed in the council's packets last month from a citizen who filed a complaint about the improper handling of a case by the police department. He inquired about the Town's policy or practice for addressing such complaints. Mayor McClary stated that if it's a valid complaint then an investigation is initiated. Mr. Ulrich questioned who is responsible for conducting investigations. Mayor McClary stated that the type of complaint dictates the proper authority to investigates complaints. If the complaint is related to the conduct of an employee or to a procedure matter involving a subordinate employee it is investigated in house either by the chief of police or the Mayor. Mr. Ulrich also inquired about who is the responsible agent for investigating that particular complaint being that the complaint named several parties within the government and in addition, has the citizen received a response to his complaint. Mayor McClary stated that all valid complaints are fully investigated by the proper level of authority. In addition, it is the right of all citizens who files a complaint to take their complaint to the proper level of authority if that means contacting an agency outside of the local government. He added the investigation into the said complaint is still ongoing.

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Council Member Angela Anderson requested an update from Mayor McClary on the status of the request to the Department of Transportation for additional traffic signals at the intersections of Martin Luther King Drive, Countyline Road and Seaboard Road. Mayor McClary added that at this time no additional progress has been made. The secretary of Transportation was scheduled to come down to visit the location on two different occasions but that has not occurred. The Andrews Police department has increased its presence at this location and have been issuing traffic citations to drivers who are violating the law when traveling through that intersection. Lastly, Councilwoman Anderson thanked all of the Town employees for doing an outstanding job.

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee began his report by highlighting several tasks he volunteered his time and service to competing with the intent of helping clean up the Town. He cleaned and cleared the entire five blocks of the Railroad Bed Park of debris and trash. He also called in work orders with the proper authority to have several missing traffic signs replaced and to have inoperable. Street light repaired. In addition, he submitted additional mappings of the Town of Andrews Infrastructure to the Department of Transportation. In his closing he complemented Mayor McClary for his great leadership ability. Mayor McClary assisted the public works department in repairing a major water leak that was the result of a truck driver damaging a water hydrant at the intersection of North Rosemary and North Magnolia Avenue. He was on the job with the team at 5am in the morning trying to locate the source of the low water pressure because he was concern about the livelihood of the citizens of Andrews.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Frank McClary mentioned the ongoing plans for the Town joint collaboration with other agencies to establish a Black River State Park. The Town of Andrews will play a vital part in this project. A design team is currently establishing a plan for Economic Development and Main Street Revitalization. The Town has engaged in a contract with an engineering firm that will design a water system modeling of the Town which will aide in the process of bring the Town of Andrews into the 21st Century. The Town of Andrews FY2023 Budget Planning Timeline has been established. It was announced that March is known as Women History Recognition Month. The Town will recognize its staff members during the month of March for their valuable contributions.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (A)

- A.** In Accordance with section 30-4-70 (a)(2) Discussion pertaining to Legal Matters: Receiving guidance from the Town's Attorney regarding pending litigation

Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Ulrich; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.

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Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Monthly meeting. Mayor Frank McClary stated that no decisions were made during the executive session.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.