

Town of Andrews

Public Hearings & Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting

Thursday, June 28, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews held a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments on a proposed Business License Ordinance No. 2018-03. The proposed ordinance requires that every person engaged or intending to engage in any calling, business, occupation or profession, in whole or in part, within the Town of Andrews, South Carolina, is required to pay an annual license tax for the privilege of doing business and obtain a business license. There were no public comments made and the hearing concluded at 6:04 p.m.

The Town of Andrews held a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:04 p.m. to hear public comments on a proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance No. 2018-04. The ordinance would establish a 5% water & sewer rate increase effective August 1, 2018, and in the future as required to adequately operate, maintain and provide better and more efficient service in the future. There were no public comments made and the hearing concluded at 6:07 p.m.

The Town of Andrews held a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:07 p.m. to hear public comments on a proposed FY2018-2019 Operating Budget Ordinance No. 2018-02. The ordinance would establish an operating budget that includes: \$1,871,328.00 in general fund revenues and expenditures; \$1,730,650.00 in water & sewer revenues and expenditures and a 137 millage rate. There were no public comments and the hearing concluded at 6:10 p.m.

The ads for the Public Hearings were advertised in the Georgetown Times newspaper on June 13th and June 15th, 2018.

Town Council Meeting

Members of Andrews Town Council met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2018. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee

Council Member Marva Session

Council Member Terrance Middleton

Council Member Bradley Prince

Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr

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Mayor McClary explained that Council Member Angela Anderson is not in attendance tonight because she's out of town.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Council Member Marva Session and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2018 Town Council Monthly Meeting as written. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

Motion was made by Council Member Bradley Prince and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting/Budget Work Session as written. Council Member Terrance Middleton made a motion to amend the previous motion to properly reflect the following change in the first paragraph of page five. Ms. Parson also stated/read from the August 2016 minutes that Council Member Middleton voted along with the other members of Town Council to accept the Letter of Conditions for USDA funding. Motion was seconded by Council Member Bradley Prince. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

Motion was made by Council Member Marva Session and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2018 Special Called meeting as written. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; No, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

Monthly Bank Statements

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

Financial Report

Mrs. Brenda Jackson, CPA presented Council with the financial report for the Town of Andrews for the Month of May 2018. She reviewed the Actual versus Budgeted Expenditures and Revenues. All Department's expenditures and revenues are aligned with the projected budget expectations.

Citizens Comments

Anna Thompson: Addressed her concerns with the appearance of the Town; she made reference to the abandoned homes and recommended that the property owners be held accountable and fined if they don't clean up their properties. She also offered a suggestion to local business owners on Main Street to place planters with flowers in their store fronts as part of a streetscape or beautification project. She also requested some assistance from the Public Works department with picking up of garbage from her porch because she is disabled and not able to place her roll cart in the right of way for trash pickup.

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Samuel Marsh 602 South Poplar Avenue stated to Town Council that the Town was in poor condition for years prior to their tenure with the town. He has seen some positive changes and it is his belief that more can be accomplished and he encouraged them to work together as a team for the betterment of the town.

Nicole Stone came before Town Council to address her concerns with the lack of activities for the youth in the Andrews Community. She is seeking assistance to help establish youth activities.

Theron Drayton 814 West Myrtle Road addressed his concerns about the increased crime rate in Andrews. He stated that his property has been vandalized on more than one occasion. He relates the crime rate to the lack of constructive activities for the youth in the Andrews Community. He expressed his level of frustration with the recent vandalism of his property which he has worked hard to obtain and he finds it very difficult to see someone walk away with his property and the police can't do anything to recover his stolen property. He stated that he works with the Georgetown County Mentoring Group and their mission is to go into the schools and mentor to young men. The group has established sport programs such a basketball and baseball programs for the youth to help occupy their free time as a deterrent from being involved in criminal activities. He stated that he has seen some improvement and encourage others to join them in establishing positive activities for the youth.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance Number 2018-05 a Proposed Amendment to the FY2017-2018 Budget. The ordinance would provide for an amendment to the revenue and expenditure appropriations in the fiscal year 2017-2018 Budget. The expenditures included the financing of a garbage truck through a revenue bond in the amount of \$33,389.00 and for the appropriation of prior fund balance in the amount of \$37,000.00 expended for the Andrews Heritage Festival. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Bradley Prince to approve the second reading of ordinance number 2018-05 an ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 2017-05 so as to provide for amendment to the revenue and expenditure appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. The expenditures include the financing of a garbage truck through a revenue bond in the amount of \$33,389.00 and for the appropriation of prior fund balance in the amount of \$37,000.00 expended for the Andrews Heritage Festival. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; No, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

2nd Reading of Ordinance Number 2018-03 a Proposed Business License Ordinance: The proposed ordinance requires that every person engaged or intending to engage in any calling, business, occupation or profession, in whole or in part, within the Town of Andrews, South Carolina, is required to pay an annual license tax for the privilege of doing business and obtain a business license. Motion was made by Council Member Marva Session and seconded by Council Member Mack E. Watford Sr. to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-03. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

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2nd Reading of Ordinance Number 2018-04 a Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increase: The ordinance establishes a 5% water & sewer rate increase effective August 1, 2018, and in the future as required to adequately operate, maintain and provide better and more efficient service in the future as mandated by DHEC Consent Order No. 16-033-DW & No.14-048-W. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee on and seconded by Council Member Bradley Prince to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-03. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; No, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

2nd Reading of Ordinance Number 2018-02 FY2018-2019 Proposed Operating Budget: The ordinance would establish an operating budget that includes: \$1,871,328.00 in general fund revenues and expenditures; \$1,730,650.00 in water & sewer revenues and expenditures and for a 137 millage rate. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee on and seconded by Council Member Bradley Prince to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-02. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; No, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

Administrator's Report

Mrs. Dorsey presented Town Council Members with an update on the town's grant projects. The RIA 15 Seaboard project closed out in May. The \$500,000.00 RIA 16 Economic Development Grant with Agru America is ongoing. Agru has been given \$338,000.00 from other sources making the total grant amount \$838,800.00. The RIA 16 Grant will provide for the installation of a 12 inch water line, the elimination of the deficient (Thantex) pump station and the replacement of a new (Phoenix) pump station. This project is projected to close out on July 31st. The CDBG Pump Station Upgrades Project is currently underway. This \$650,800.00 project will replace three pump stations; Pump Station #9 (Cottonwood Street), Pump Station #13 (Tamarack Street), Pump Station #14(Ashland Street) and eliminate Pump Station #18 (Sassafras Street). The close out date for the CDBG Project is July 31st. South Carolina Department of Commerce has a Monitoring visit scheduled for July 25th. It was mentioned that future grant projects will include a Downtown Streetscape project; applications will be made for additional USDA, MASC, PARD and 2019 RIA/CDBG funding. A notice will be sent out in the water bills and media releases noting that a smoke test of the town's system will begin on Tuesday, July 17th by SCRWA. The MASC Annual meeting will be held July 18th thru July the 22nd. The Andrews Heritage Festival will be held Friday, August 10th and Saturday August 11th. National Night out will be hosted by the Andrews Police Department on Tuesday, August 7th at 6:00 pm. It was announced that Town Hall will be closing on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm for cross training sessions for employees. In addition, the Favor Grand Strand a recovery group for drug addiction meets at the Andrews Church of God on Mondays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Council's (Sub – Division's Reports)

Council Member Terrance Middleton voiced his concern about the Andrews Police Department's ability to offer employees salaries that are compatible with surrounding agencies. It is his belief that if the salaries in this department were increased then the department would be able to hire, train and retain qualified police officers. He also stated that he opposed the water and sewer rate increase to give the citizens a financial break for the upcoming fiscal year. Mayor McClary replied that the department has hired two level one officers and will be hiring one more next week. Officer Platte is currently at the academy and is anticipated to successfully meet the requirements to obtain his certification within the next couple of weeks. Salary increases for the police department are included in the 2019 fiscal year budget.

Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr concurred with Council Member Middleton that the salaries within the police department as well as the public works department need to be raised as a means to hire train and retain qualified employees.

Council Member Marva Session suggested the idea of hosting community meetings to the two citizens who came before council with their ideas of establishing activities for the youth within the Andrews community. In order for activities to be successful within a community the citizens must be informed and involved.

Council Member Bradley Prince commended the town employees for their hard work during this heat wave. He encouraged them to be safe and to stay hydrated while exposed to extreme heat. He thanked the Andrews P.H. Church for their volunteer work at the Andrews Memorial Cemetery.

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee reported that he submitted ten work orders to the public works department; he mowed the lawn at the Jones Avenue Park. He's still designing and providing maps of the ditches and drainage problem areas within the Town of Andrews. No Dumping signs are being prepared as well to help deter illegal dumping. He has been instrumental in having stop signs placed in the town as well as asphalt on needed streets. He commended all town employees, Mayor and Council Members for their hard work. Council Member Terrence Middleton made the suggestion that consideration be given to the idea of allowing the trash crew to work late afternoons or night shift during the extreme hot weather.

Fire Chief Robert Stamper reported that the fire department Engines 3, 4 and 5 passed their annual maintenance pump test. The department responded to 26 emergency calls during the month of May; and attended field day at Trinity Christian Academy. A retirement dinner was held in honor of retiring Chief Bobby Barrineau on May 26th at Antonio's restaurant. Mr. Barrineau was presented with a plaque and axe for his fifty plus years of service to the Andrews Fires department.

Fred Sumpter Public Works supervisor reported that department installed one sewer tap and 26 new meters in May. The Tamarack lift station project has been completed. A new pump has been placed at the Courtney Circle lift station. The department completed several sewer leak work orders and 45 water leak work orders in May.

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Lieutenant Sallica Williams reported that the Andrews Police department has hired a class one certified officer from Pickens, SC and he will start working with the department on tomorrow. The department is working diligently to send all uncertified officers to the academy for training and to receive their certification. Unfortunately, the department can only send one officer at a time due to staffing issues. Chief Marc Whitfield is currently a guest instructor on fire arms at the Police Academy in Columbia, SC.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary announced that the Town of Andrews has been fortunate to have some of its roads moved up on the priority list for road improvements and pavement. He thanked Ms. Stone and Mr. Drayton for their efforts to follow up on the mentoring needs within the Andrews Community after the recent community meeting sponsored by the Coastal Community and Waccamaw Foundations. These foundations are visiting different municipalities and gather feedback on the needs within local communities and providing critical information to the Georgetown County Economic Development Board for their five year economic growth plans. Mayor McClary made the suggestion to both Ms. Stone and Mr. Drayton to link up with the current mentoring groups within the Andrews Community to work together to help meet the mentoring needs in the community. The local schools, Freedom Readers and Ms. Angela Anderson were just a few existing mentoring groups identified as currently serving the Andrews Community. It was mentioned that a two day small business seminar was held here at Town Hall with attorneys and representatives from SCORE as an effort to encourage young entrepreneurs and to provide them with valuable insight on how to obtain resources to advance their businesses forward. The goal is to provide these mentoring sessions for young entrepreneurs quarterly. Andrews still has a problem with big trucks. Some streets in the town can't safely sustain the weight of large trucks. SCDOT reclassified the weight of Beech Avenue to not allow for any vehicles over 4 wheels. This is a topic that will be addressed in the near future.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Council Member Bradley Prince and seconded by Council member Terrance Middleton to enter into an Executive Session Pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a) to discuss a personnel matter within the Police Department in accordance with section 30-4-70 (a)(1);to discuss legal matters, a Municipal Judge contractual matter, Municipal Judge and Clerk of Municipal Court appointments in accordance with section 30-4-70 (a)(2) Discussion Contractual Matter: Municipal Judge and Clerk of Municipal Court Appointments.

Motion was made by Council Member Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Mack E. Watford Sr. to come out of Executive Session. Mayor McClary stated that no decisions were made during Executive Session.

Motion was made by council Member Terrance Middleton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee to appoint the said clerk discussed during executive session as the Municipal Court Clerk in accordance with section 30-4-70 (a) (2). **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

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Motion was made by Council Member Bradley Prince and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem to appoint the nominee discussed during executive session as the Town of Andrews Municipal Judge in accordance with section 30-4-70 (a) (2) contractual agreement. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; No, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; Yes, motion carried.**

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and was seconded by Council Member Mack E. Watford Sr.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.