

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

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.

ANDREWS, SC 29510

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1. INVOCATION**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 6. CITIZENS COMMENTS (THREE (3) MINUTES ONLY)**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Second Reading of General Obligations Bond**
- 9. APPEARANCE(S):**
 - Wanda Charping, CPA: Accountant for the Town of Andrews
- 10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 11. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**
- 12. COUNCIL'S REPORT**
- 13. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

Monthly Town Council Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2015

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, January 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member David Tisdale
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

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

Motion was made by Council Member Sudha Patel and seconded by Council Member David Tisdale to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2014 Council Meeting with the necessary corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Sudha Patel noted that a correction should be made to the minutes from the December 2014 Council Meeting. Council Member Patel stated that some of her ideas surrounding the event planning for the Andrews Heritage Festival went contested by Mayor Giles and fellow Council Members.

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

Citizens Comments

Joyce Roberts announced that The Living the Dream Committee will be hosting a MLK March on Monday, January 19, 2015 from Town Hall to The MLK Monument on MLK Drive at 1pm.

New Business

Council Member Patsy Greene inquired about the status of the copiers located in Town Hall. Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey explained that the contract with Rico has been bought out by DocuSystems. DocuSystems has replaced the copier in the front office with a new copier and the old copier is now located in the Police Department. The Rico copier will be picked up by Rico or DocuSystems will take over with no extra cost to the Town of Andrews per Mrs. Dorsey.

Old Business

Second Reading of General Obligations Bond: Council Member Angela Anderson noted that in section 2 and 3 that Council may want to change the level of authority granted to the Town Administrator to Council and the Town Administrator prior to signing the contract.

The motion was made by Council Member David Tisdale and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to move forward with the Second reading of the \$400,000.00 General Obligations Bond. **Council Member McGee; No, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; No, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Greene; No, Mayor Giles; Yes. Motion carried.**

Appearance (s)

Wanda Charping the Town's Accountant was not present at the meeting.

Administrator's Report

The Town's Administrator Mauretta Dorsey presented an up dated 2015 Town Calendar to Mayor and Council. Mrs. Dorsey informed Mayor and Council that the Town of Andrews has been mandated by SC DHEC to replace 160 water meters by June 30, 2015 and to replace 71 immediately. Mrs. Dorsey stated that she met with a salesman from Ferguson Waterworks and was given a presentation on a new water meter with a 20 year life span at a cost of only \$118.55 per meter and at a cost savings of \$72.48 per meter. This particular meter is recommended for updating our system in the future to a tower or radio read system.

Department Head Reports

Fire Department: Robert Stamper stated that the Department helped with the taking down of the Town's Christmas lights during this past week. Mr. Stamper voiced his concerns about reporting to a structural fire on January 8, 2015 at Arbor Place Apartments and having three local water hydrants covered up with black bags and he did not know if the hydrants were operable. The locations of the three water hydrants in question is located on the corner of Beech Avenue , Oakland Avenue; Poplar Avenue, and Ashland Avenue a hydrant located at Arbor Place. Mayor Giles instructed Mrs. Dorsey to make contact with the Water & Sewer Department about the status of the fire hydrants in question and to report back any findings to the Fire Department and Mayor and Council.

Police Department: Chief Capers reported that the Andrews Police Department was awarded a \$5000.00 grant which will be used to purchase surveillance

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equipment. He also stated that they are applying for the Cops Grant and Jack Grant which can use to purchase more equipment. Chief Capers informed Mayor and Council that he has requested Sled to come in to perform an audit of the Police Department to make sure they are in compliance with the State. Chief Capers addressed the concerns about the local break-ins to some convenient stores in the local area. Chief Capers stated that 6 different agencies are currently working on the numerous break-ins and stealing of cigarettes.

Council's Report

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that his only concern is with making sure that the water tanks in the Town of Andrews are at the required water levels at all time.

Council Member Sudha Patel stated that the Rotary Club is looking to sponsor Rotary has Heart, on February 14, 2015. This event will feed the hungry or needy in the community and they will hopefully be partnering with other local agencies. Ms. Patel stated that she has sat in as a liaison for a meeting with the Fire and Police Departments concerning programming and designing of the new building for these two departments and they are looking to form two committees to continue to work on these issues. Ms. Patel informed Mayor and Council that at their last meeting there was some concerns about her and planning events in the Town which contain the name Town of Andrews such as Andrews Heritage Festival and Town of Andrews Anniversary. Ms. Patel stated that she has done her homework and sought legal advice and was informed that she does not need Council approval to host such events and she plans to move forward with the planning of these two events.

Council Member Patsy Greene wished all a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for all the good things they did for the Town over this past year.

Council Member David Tisdale voiced his opinion towards organization's sponsoring events that include the Town of Andrews in the name of the event. Mr. Tisdale stated that as long as the Town is not liable for the event then he has

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no problem with allowing the events to take place. He also stated that the Public Works Department has a limited staff and something needs to be done to relieve those workers of some of their duties so that they can efficiently work on other pressing demands.

Council Member Angela Anderson inquired about the status of the Town and its ability to accept debit cards and online payments. Mrs. Dorsey stated that these are items that will be discussed in the upcoming budget year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles stated that they are working on getting Waste Industries to come and give a presentation and present a proposal to the Town on contracting trash pick-up service. Council Member Greene stated that that job has to be advertised in the local newspaper and bided out.

Randy Cooper stated the Public Works Department is manually checking the Town's three wells manually. He stated that the Town has adequate water pressure and meets DHEC regulations. Mr. Cooper stated that DHEC requires 20 psi at fire hydrants and at homes and he has test all of our water hydrants and performed testing at residents and there are no homes or water hydrants with inadequate water pressure. Mr. Cooper stated that there are some inoperative water hydrants and they are black bagged until work orders can be written and processed.

Adjournment

Council Member Angela Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm and was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson, Town Clerk.