

TOWN OF ANDREWS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT SUB-STATION COURT ROOM

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.

ANDREWS, SC 29510

MAY 22, 2012 @ 6:00PM

AGENDA

- 1) INVOCATION
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) ROLL CALL
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 5) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FYI ONLY
- 6) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES ONLY
- 7) APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL
 - I. WANDA CHARPING, CPA , ACCOUNTANT FOR TOWN OF ANDREWS
- 8) NEW BUSINESS
 - I. 1ST READING OF FY 2012-2013 GENERAL FUND & WATER/SEWER BUDGET
 - II. 1ST READING OF THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
- 10) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
- 11) COUNCIL REPORT
- 12) DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
- 13) MAYOR'S REPORT
- 14) ADJOURNMENT

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Street. She stated that the computers that were taken were all recovered by the Department and the suspects were also apprehended. Mrs. Hunter expressed her thanks to the Andrews Police Department for their professional and outstanding work.

Mr. Ben Cohen appeared before Mayor and Council to represent Boy Scout #329. He made an apology to them in reference to his appearance at the last Council Meeting. He stated that it was not his intentions to appear unsatisfied or offensive in any manner. He thanked the Town Representatives for allowing him to bring his project before them, he thanked them for all the time they had put in and he thanked them for the \$200.00 donation from the Town. He stated that he would not be placing his project on the property that the Town has designated for him to do so. In addition, he was returning the donation to the Town that was made towards his project. He hopes that this incident will in no way affect any future dealings that Troop #329 will have with the Town. He hopes to be placing his project in a different location where he feels that it will benefit everyone. Council and Mayor accepted his apology and the return of the \$200.00 donation that was previously donated in the name of the Town of Andrews. Council Member McGee stated to the Mayor that she feels like the Town should still make the donation to Mr. Ben Cohen for his effort. The motion was made by Council Member Ackerman that Mayor and Council should return the donation back to Mr. Ben Cohen to assist with his Eagle Scout Project and the motion was seconded by Council Member Ackerman. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell Young appeared before Mayor and Council to present and answer any questions about the International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Mitchell stated that the county now uses this code to help condemn property over the county. This code will allow authority to step in to help assist with property over the Town that needs to be cleaned up and free of varmints and therefore.

Appearing Before Council

Ms. Wanda Charping, CPA, Accountant for the Town of Andrews appeared before Council and gave a detailed summary of the financial status of the Town. Ms. Charping stated that the finances of the Town have progressively gotten better and all departments are doing well. She stated that she and Mr. Windham have worked to put together a preliminary copy of a proposed budget for Mayor and Council to review and discuss. After which Council and Mayor could plan a Budget Workshop/ Council Meeting to implement any changes that may be deemed necessary. Wanda stated that Council and Mayor may want to consider raising the water and sewer rates to help offset the Street and Sanitation Budget.

Ms. Charping announced that the Town of Andrews has now paid its debt off to the I.R.S. and the tax liens will soon be lifted.

New Business

Mr. Windham stated that we need to have the first reading off FY 2012-2013 General Fund & Water/Sewer Budget Ordinance. The motion was made by Council Member Ackerman and seconded by Council Member. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-No, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes. Anderson-No, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Windham stated that Council and Mayor can take their time and review the proposed Budget and will have the opportunity to make any changes or address any concerns at the upcoming Budget Workshop/ Council Meeting.

Mr. Windham stated that we need to have the first reading of the Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code. The motion was made by council Member Alford and seconded by Council Member Anderson to adopt the first reading of the International Property Maintenance Code. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

There was no Old Business for discussion.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Council Member Alford and seconded by Council Member Greene to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter concerning Mr. Johnny Driggers.

The motion was made by Council Member Anderson to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Council Member Ackerman, the motion was carried. Mayor Giles stated that there was no decision made in Executive Session.

Mayor Giles stated that Mr. Windham recommend that Mr. Driggers be hired as the Town Attorney. The motion was made by Council Member Greene to hire Mr. Driggers as the Town attorney and seconded by Council Member Anderson. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Windham stated that the Heating and Air System has been replaced in the Police Department and it is working fine. He also stated that the Fire Station has been painted on the outside and the repairs have been made to the roof of the building. This work has been done for the amount of \$1311.00.

Council Report

Council Member Anderson thanked everyone who came out and supported their End of the School Year Festival. She thanked the Police Department and Jackie Shaw for all of their help to making this event a success. They look forward to doing the same thing next year. She stated that the kids enjoyed it.

Council Member Greene thanked everyone for their help. She stated that their next upcoming event coming will be the Back to School Festival. This event will be held at the Pavilion. She stated that they will be giving a check out this week to Andrews High School to help offset the expenses of the senior class of 2012.

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Council Member Tisdale stated that he will be writing an article in the Community Event Paper which is a monthly publication. He stated that he would be glad to include any positive things that anyone would like to inform the community of.

Council Member Alford stated that he has been asked to take on a project through the Veterans Association. He would like for The Veteran's Association to repair the flag pole at Town Hall as their project.

Council Member Greene stated that she would like to give special thanks out to Pastor Hardee for all his support in helping with the Festival and the Jones Avenue Park. Pastor Hardee has all ready committed to helping install the new basketball goals in the park.

Council Member Anderson addressed an issue with our area Recreational Center. She stated that they have received fans to be installed in the gym but for some reason they have not been installed. Mayor Giles asked Mr. Windham to give Sel Hemmingway a call to check into the matter of having the fans installed in the gym. She also addressed the issue that on this past Saturday that they were to work at Town Hall however, they could not get into the building because they did not have a key. Mr. Windham stated that this is an issue to be addressed by council at the Workshop.

Council Member McGee stated that she represents the Red Cross in three counties. She stated that they are looking for a building to use as a satellite office within the Town, free of charge.

Department Heads Report

Mrs. Brenda Lambert stated that the Police Department has had a very successful month. They had a total of six break in within the past four weeks to local businesses. She stated that the suspects have been apprehended and most of the stolen items have been recovered and restitution will be made for the items that were not able to be recovered. She stated that her vehicle has been in the shop due to a bad transmission they have gotten one estimate so far and its about \$1400.00 for the repairs to be made and the chief is working on obtaining two other estimates and will provide Council with it as soon as possible. She

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stated that summer is coming up and the Police Department is planning to increase the amount of road checks within the Town Limits.

Jackie Shaw stated that a Force Main busted on Jones Avenue and the public Works Department worked on it from 7pm until 1am on that day to repair the Force Main.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles said that the Departments have always been assigned a Council Member to work with each department and this is missing so he has assigned the following Council Members to following Departments to work with the Department heads to help resolve issues that may arise within the various departments:

- Council Member Greene has been assigned to the Police Department
- Council Member Anderson has been assigned to the Street & Sanitation Department
- Council Member Alford has been assigned to Administration Department
- Council Member McGee has been assigned to the Beatification Department
- Council Member Ackerman has been assigned to the Fire Department
- Council Member Tisdale has been assigned to the Water & Sewer Department

Mayor Giles stated that Thomas Hutton Insurance Company will be sponsoring a dinner on Friday Night and Thursday Night during the Municipal Association Conference to be held in Hilton Head next month. The records show that Council agreed to have the dinner prepared on Friday Night. Mr. Windham reminded Council Members to report that meal if its valued over \$25.00.

Mayor also stated that Richard Pope will be coming to Town Hall on the June 29 at 11am for anyone who will be interested in attending.

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Mayor Giles also mentioned that a lot of concern is being raised throughout the community about a lot of gates being put up in areas that many local fishermen have had access to for years to fish. He has heard that the Game Wardens have asked people to take these gates down. He asked anyone who has knowledge or connections to look into this matter.

Mayor Giles stated that Senator Yancey McGill is up for re-election and that he has done great things for the Town of Andrews. Mr. McGill has secured a \$100,000.00 for a New Fire Station Project for the Town of Andrews. However it is being contested right now. He mentioned that they will be hosting a Fish Fry in the honor of Mr. McGill and the time and date is TBA.

A Budget Workshop/Council Meeting Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday June 9, 2012 at 9am at the Georgetown County Airport. Mayor Giles stated that the New Fire Truck is expected to be delivered on Memorial Day.

The New Fire Truck will be featured as the Fire Truck of the State and will be on display at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center the 1st week of June.

A Department Head Meeting has been scheduled during for this upcoming Tuesday at 8am.

Steve Webber is representing us in the issue with DHEC and the lagoon. He will be helping us to decide on rather to take a formal and informal approach with DHEC in regards to informing him of our status with complying with the order to clean up the lagoon.

Mayor Giles stated that we need to look into getting some part time help for Pasty and Patrice in the front office to allow them to take time off for vacation and to assist when one of them are not at work.

Adjournment

Council Member Angela Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm and was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson.