

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

**110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.
ANDREWS, SC 29510
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014 @ 6:00 PM**

**AMENDED
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**
 - First Reading: FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget
 - Municipal Judge
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
 - Andrews Veteran's Association MOU
- 9. APPEARANCE(S):**
 - Wanda Charping, CPA: Accountant for the Town of Andrews
- 10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 11. COUNCIL'S REPORT**
- 12. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**
- 13. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - **CONTRACTUAL MATTERS: MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**
SCDHEC
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

**Monthly Town Council Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2014
6:00pm**

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:06 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

Motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2014 Council Meeting with the necessary corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Appearance (s)

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

Mrs. Jannie Lathan and Wanda Selph from Lathan Consulting Corporations made a presentation before Mayor and Council on their ability to assist with seeking and gaining funding for Community & Economic Development.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters: Municipal Court Judge and SCDHEC.

Council Member Angela Anderson made the motion to come out of Executive Session, the motion was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene. Mayor Giles stated that there was no decision made regarding Contractual Matter as it pertains to Municipal Court Judge and SCDHEC.

Administrator's Report

The Town's Administrator Mauretta Dorsey stated that the Town is on schedule to meet the deadline set forth by SCDHEC on getting well #3 up and running. Well #3 will probably be up and running by August 15, 2014. South Carolina Rural Infrastructural SCRIA will be hosting a workshop in Columbia, SC on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. Mrs. Dorsey stated that she and the Town's Clerk Chaconas Parson will be attending the workshop sponsored by SCRIA. Ms. Dorsey informed Mayor and Council that the City of Georgetown projects an 11% increase in their waste water rates for the FY 2015 and as soon as she hears the exact figures she will inform them.

Mrs. Dorsey reported that the force main project is currently on hold due to two encroachment permits awaiting approval by DOT and new drawings approval from CXS in regards to a change in route. The project initially was to take the

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route opposite E. Ashland Avenue; however due to some issues with CSX they will have to reroute the force main lines and come around the railroad tracks. She mentioned to Mayor and Council that they should give attention making sure that the audit is completed soon so that they can pursue a general obligations bond to fund the much needed items such as new water meters, a latter truck, a police station and new water/sewer lines. She announced the agenda for this upcoming Summer Series Events and that concluded her report.

Council's Report

Council Member Angela Anderson encouraged all citizens to come out and enjoy the Summer Series Events.

Council Member Sudha Patel stated that Mayor and Council attended the Municipal Association's Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC which was very beneficial and helpful to them all. There were many representatives from various fields and other Municipal Officers from all over the state. The only complaint she has about the Municipal Association is the venue where they choose to host this event, as it is very expensive. This trip will cost the Town nearly \$6000.00 or more. She hopes that the knowledge gain will be applied by both Mayor and Council as a whole. She mentioned that Mayor and Council should embrace the idea of forming Committees to work on some of the issues that the Town has. She also stated that she has been encouraging citizens to attend Council Meetings to help with Transparency. Ms. Patel stated that she and a group of concerned citizens had come together and organized a protest rally on Friday June 27, 2014 on the front lawn of Town Hall. She referred to the demonstration as a peaceful, nonviolence sign waving demonstration in a loving manner to get their point across. She stated that if Mayor and Council are going to spend a lot of money to attend workshops and meeting to gain knowledge then there should be some accountability for them to apply what they have learned.

Council Member David Tisdale stated to Council Member Sudha Patel that she does indeed have some good ideas and that she has asked Mayor and Council to work with her to accomplish some of her goals, but she then turned around and organized a protest and called the same people corrupt whom she just asked for assistance. He told her that she just can't do that. He stated that he

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disagrees with her methods. He told Ms. Patel that she is bullying the Council on Social Media and in Print Media the very same way that she has accused them of bullying people around. He called her behavior inappropriate for that of a Council Member.

Council Member Patsy Greene announced the Town's Back to School Fest will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014. They have already contacted the merchants and are asking for their support to sponsor this event. She requested that all donations be made on or before August 1, 2014 to insure that all needed items can be purchased and packed. She encouraged all citizens to come out to volunteer their services and to support this event for the youth in our Community.

Department Head Reports

Chief Kaynnera Capers reported that the Andrews Police Department will have one employee Ms. Stephanie Law graduating from the Police Academy on tomorrow and she will begin FTO on Monday. He stated that he has presented Council with the requested budget cuts requested of his department. He mentioned that he is in the process of updating the policy and procedures manual for the Town which haven't been updated in the past six years. He also stated that he is working on some new polices such as creating a Reserve Police Program along with having Constables and he already has 26 names which have been approved by SLED. He also would like to create a Chaplaincy Program for the Town. Chief Capers informed Mayor and Council that he is trying to multiply the Police Force in Andrews to offer the Citizens the best quality of service. He stated that he would like to form a Police Advisory Council who's purpose would be to assist and provide sound feedback from the Citizens on other policies which he may consider implementing. A few other policies that he would like to form will consist of a Department Ride Along and a Volunteer Program. It was stated that all individuals considered for these programs will have to go through an Application and Background process. Chief Capers requested the Blessings of Mayor and Council to move forward with the implementation of these new policies. Mayor Giles stated that Council will need more time to review the information presented before granting their approval to Chief Capers. Chief

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Capers announced that once a month during the Summer Months he will be hosting a cookout for the Town's Employees to help boost morale and all items will be donated and everyone is invited to come out next Friday for the next scheduled cookout.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles thanked both Mrs. Jannie Lathan and Wanda Selph for attending tonight's meeting and making their presentation before Mayor and Council and Council will be in contact with them in the near future.

Adjournment

Council Member Angela Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm and was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson, Town Clerk.