

Town of Andrews

Monthly Town Council Meeting Thursday, August 16, 2012

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 6:06 pm. Mayor Pro-tem Patsy Greene presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Thomas Alford
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Patsy Greene
Council Member Thomas Alford
Council Member Sid Ackerman
Council Member Mattie McGee
Council Member David Tisdale

After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Thomas Alford and seconded by Council Member Sid Ackerman to approve the minutes from the July 19 , 2012 Council Meeting. Council Member Patsy Greene asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, and Tisdale-Yes All in favor, motion carried.

The monthly financial statement was included in the Council's packet for information purposes only.

Citizen's Comment

Ms. Reginia Powell appeared before council to request permission to host A Cutting Town Reunion on Sunday, September 23, 2012 between the hours of 2pm until 5pm. This is a tradition that was started back in the early 50's. Council tabled making a decision in regards to this request until they meet again on Thursday, August 23 at 5:30pm during Council/Workshop Meeting.

Mrs. Soles appeared before council to request permission to host a Walkathon on October 6, 2012 between the hours of 11am until 12:30 pm. The Walkathon will consist of about 50 people and will go from Food Lion's parking lot to Blount's Furniture Store parking lot. Council tabled making a decision in regards to this request until they meet again.

A letter was written to Mayor and Council by Mrs. Teresa Marietta requesting she be granted a R-6 Variance to open a Daycare at 11 Hill Crest Street in Andrews, SC 29510; ph#(845-338-4468). Mrs. Marietta stated that her Daycare would provide services for up to six children. Council stated that they would discuss this matter at their upcoming meeting and that Mr. Windham would notify them of their decision.

Council set their next Council/Workshop Meeting date as Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 5:30 pm.

Pastor Hardee appeared before Council and informed them that they will be hosting a 9-11 Ceremony at the Andrews Pavilion on Sunday, September 9 at 4pm. During this time awards and presentations will be presented and he encouraged all to come out and give their support.

He also stated that they will be hosting V.B.S. on Saturday, August 18, 2012 during the hours of 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. This event will be held at the Andrews Pavilion.

Appearing before Council

The Town Accountant Ms. Wanda Charping appeared before Council to give an update on the financial status of the Town. Ms. Charping gave a review of the

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financial status with regards to the current budget. She informed Council that the Town was operating in good standing.

New Business

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to set the Towns mileage reimbursement rate to .51 per mile. Council Member Patsy Greene asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, and Tisdale-Yes All in favor, motion carried.

The motion was made by Council Member Thomas Alford and seconded by Council Member Mattie McGee that the Towns credit cards should be taken up and kept in the safe at Town Hall for employees to sign out when they are needed to conduct Official Town Business. When signing the card out the employee must state the reason for signing the card out, the date received and the date returned along with the appropriate receipts for all purchases and services rendered.

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member David Tisdale to accept the recommendation of the Town's Engineer Mr. Harry Askins to accept the lower bid for the upgrades on the Pump Stations on Howell and Beech Streets. Council Member Patsy Greene asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, and Tisdale-Yes All in favor, motion carried.

The Motion was made by Council Member Thomas Alford and seconded by Council Member Sid Ackerman to upgrade our postage meter with Pitney Bowes upon the renewal of our lease. Mr. Windham recommended that we upgrade our meter to include a folder and inserter that would be a tremendous benefit in the efficiency of time for our employees. The new equipment would increase the amount of our lease by \$596.40 for the remainder of the year and would cost an additional \$59.64 a month. Council Member Patsy Greene asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, and Tisdale-Yes All in favor, motion carried.

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The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford to allow the Construction Company constructing the apartments on West Gapway to place a construction trailer at 310 West Gapway. This area is currently zoned as R-6 so Council would have to offer a variance to the construction company to allow them to place a construction trailer on site. Council Member Patsy Greene asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, and Tisdale-Yes All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member David Tisdale to increase the water and sewer rates as of September 1, 2012 by 5% for residents inside of the Town's Limits and 7% for resident outside of the Town's Limits. Council Member Patsy Greene asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, and Tisdale-Yes All in favor, motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Windham stated that since the second and final reading on the adoption of the International Property Code he has sent a letter to Mr. Cox and informed him of the passing of the International Property Code. The Town can now go in and clean up or demolish property if owners don't conform to citations. Mr. Windham stated that he expects to receive the contract with the County by next week.

Mr. Windham stated that employee evaluations are due from departments heads by the end of December. These evaluations will help determined the raises that employees could receive on January 1, 2013.

Town Attorney Report

Mr. Driggers reported to Council that the Black River Property is part of Wetland Property. He has not worked on any new projects but will so gladly do so at the request of Mayor and Council.

Council Report

Council Member Angela Anderson requested an update on the status of safety training for our employees of the Town. Brenda Lambert stated that Mr. Eddie Shaw and two other employees will be attending asbestos training next month and they will be able to come back and give a report to the other Town employees on what knowledge and information they gained from attending this training session. Brenda Lambert stated

that the police department is engaging in online safety training and they participate in one on one training in Georgetown once a year.

Mrs. Angela Anderson questioned how many employees have Town Cell phones. Mr. Windham stated that we will soon have to do away with the Nextel system that the majority of Town employees are currently using due to the fact that these items are going out of circulation. He recommends that we look into purchasing regular phones for our employees in the future.

Council Member Mattie McGee raised her concerns with the Police Department and the job that they are doing with regards to checking on the local businesses in town. It was her concern that the officers need to do a better job and be held accountable for this.

Council Member Thomas Alford stated that the Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012. They have a new project that they will be working on. They plan to change the flag poles to match those of the Banks and others.

Council Member Angela Anderson thanked Council Member Patsy Greene for her help with the Back to School Festival. It was a success again this year.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel

matter. The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to come out of Executive Session. Council

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Member Patsy Greene stated that no decision was made during Executive Session.

Adjournment

Council Member Angela Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm and was seconded by Council Member Sid Ackerman.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson.