

Town of Andrews

**Monthly Town Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.
101 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC**

Mayor McClary stated that due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the implementation of social distancing measures, the physical meeting is closed to the public. The meeting is being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Emergency Operations Center page.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Eddie Lee
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Amy Flagler
Council Member Eddie Lee
Council Member James E. Altman

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, March 23, 2021 Town Council meeting, the Thursday, April 1, 2021 Special Called meeting and the Friday, April 9, 2021 CDBG Public Hearing as written. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member James Altman; 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 for the Town of Andrews was absent due to a scheduling conflict. The Financial Report was for review only. All concerns will be addresses at a later date and time.

Presentation

Love Bailey Certified Public Accountants gave a presentation before Town Council on the Town Audits for FY2020. Based on the information presented by Love Bailey, reportedly the Town is going in a positive financial direction. It was also noted that the town is operating more efficiently. The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 by \$7.5 million (net position). Of this amount, \$1.7 million was restricted and the Town's unrestricted net position (the amount that may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors) was a \$560 thousand. The remaining \$5.2 million of net position is for the Town's investment in capital assets. The Town's total governmental activities net position increased by \$1,570,841 (excluding the prior period adjustment) and its business type activities net position increased by \$105,875 (excluding the prior period adjustments). As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3.0 million, an increase of \$1,264,373 (excluding the prior period adjustment) in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 48 percent of this total or \$1.42 million is unassigned fund balance.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Dorsey provided an update on the submission of the Town's 2021 CDBG Application. The submission to the state included the Beech Avenue waterline replacement project. There was great participation from the citizens along Beech Avenue in the completion of the required income surveys as part of the Town's application process. Another part of the proposed project will pertain to the sewer outfall improvements in regards to the sewer basin where all of the town's wastewater flows to from throughout the town. The basin needs a cover to help eliminate inflow and infiltration of storm water, which the town ends up paying the cost for to have treated by the City of Georgetown and to Georgetown County Sewer District. Lastly, the proposed project will also fund the cost to update the water system communications automatic dialers located at all of the Town's pump stations and wells. Another proposed need that was included in the CDBG application submission, was the sewer improvements project for South Morgan Avenue. Due to the lack of citizen's participation in the completion of income surveys this project was removed. Ms. Dorsey thanked the Representatives of the Waccamaw Regional Council of Government and Keck and Wood Engineering Firm for their hard work to assist the Town throughout the application process. The Town will be applying for USDA Rural Development Funding for the purchase of vehicles and equipment; which will be 75% Grant with a 25% required match. She stated that the application deadline has already expired and an application for the Town had previously been submitted. The next step in the application process is to hold a Public Hearing. The proposed dates for the Public Hearing are Tuesday, May 4th or Wednesday, May 5th. Words of appreciation went out to Council Member Eddie Lee, Mayor Frank McClary, Rick and Jessica Goodwin for their assistance with obtaining the required citizens income surveys. Ms. Dorsey added that Council Member Rob Stamper made contact with the Waccamaw Regional Council of Government and inquired about funding to purchase a fire truck; he was informed to contact USDA Rural Development for funding that would fund 75% of the project cost and additional CDBG funding that could cover the remaining 25%. However, applicants must have provided the specifications for all purchases and submit the information before the USDA Funding Application submission deadline that had already expired.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince commended the Dale brothers for an excellent job in constructing the beautiful park along Main Street. He questioned the status of the hiring a fire marshal. Mayor McClary responded that the hiring of a fire marshal along with a couple of other items were placed on the back burner due to the work required to meet the grant submission deadlines; but those items are back on the agenda and in the meanwhile Mr. Robin Fowler is covering those task. Mr. Thomas Moore is working with Duke Energy Progress to have the power installed in the temporary building for the fire department.

Council Member Amy Flagler No report.

Council Member Angela Anderson voiced concerns with the roughness of the driveway at Town Hall leading up to the drive –thru window. Mayor McClary in response stated that repairs were recently made to a waterline in that area and as soon as the area dries up public works will complete the resurfacing of the drive way. She reminded the citizens that Helping Hands of Andrews sponsors a weekly food give away.

Council Member James Altman solicited support from Council Member Lee with helping the residents of 311 S. Rosemary Street to receive some assistance with eliminating standing water in their driveway.

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that Mayor McClary, Ms. Dorsey and himself attended a building dedication for Sprit Filled Ambassadors for Christ Church on March 27, 2021. He also submitted additional drawings of the Town's infrastructural to Mayor McClary. He assisted citizens with obtaining trash carts. He was instrumental in the grant preparation and application submission processes for the Town's water and sewer improvements project.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary also commended the Dale brothers for an excellent job establishing the park along Main Street. He added that additional plans are in the making to assist with the revitalizing of Main Street to include adding additional lighting, flags and the cleaning of alleyways. A request will be made to Business owners along Main Street to clean up their storefronts. The Towns debris pick up is still ongoing on Thursdays and Fridays. The Town's FY 2021-2022 budget planning process is ongoing. A major water leak has been repaired along Olive Street and Old Cemetery Road. The Andrews Police Department staffing had experience some turnovers in personnel over the past month, however the department still has adequate coverage to include the mutual aid agreements with the surrounding counties. Officer Kaylene Peterson recently received her Class 1 Officer Certification from the Police Academy; Officer Hicks will be attending the Police Academy to obtain his Class 1 Certification in May. Officer Michael Bordner has been promoted to Lieutenant of the APD.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member James Altman to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.