

TOWN OF ANDREWS
MONTHLY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING via Zoom/Facebook Live
101 NORTH MORGAN AVE.
ANDREWS, SC 29510
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

DUE TO COVID19 (CORONAVIRUS) AND IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES, THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE PHYSICALLY UNAVAILABLE TO ATTENDEES. THE MEETING WILL BE BROADCASTED VIA FACEBOOK LIVE FROM THE TOWN OF ANDREWS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PAGE. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA TOA EOC FACEBOOK MESSENGER APP. CITIZENS CAN INBOX ANY CONCERNS FOR STAFF MEMBERS TO RESPOND.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: PROPOSED TALL GRASS AND WEED ORDINANCE
PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE PURCHASE PRICE OF
BURIAL PLOTS IN THE ANDREWS MEMORIAL CEMETERY
PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATES INCREASE ORDINANCE
PROPOSES FY 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE INPUT CONCERNING THESE ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC HEARING, YOU CAN EMAIL TOWNHALL@TOWNOFANDREWS.SC.GOV NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020.

THE MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL FOLLOW THE PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: THURSDAY, MAY 2020 MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**
- 6. MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 7. FINANCIAL REPORT: KENNETH COBB AND COMPANY; MRS. BRENDA JACKSON, CPA**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. 2020 Census**
 - B. 2nd Reading Ordinance Number 2020-03: Proposed Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance**
 - C. 2nd Reading Ordinance Number 2020-05: Proposed Ordinance to modify the purchase price of burial plots within the Andrews Memorial Cemetery**
 - D. 2nd Reading Ordinance Number 2020-06: Proposed Ordinance to modify the Town of Andrews Water and Sewer Rates**
 - E. 2nd Reading Ordinance Number 2020-07: Proposed FY2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget Ordinance.**
- 9. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

Public Hearings & Monthly Town Council Meeting Via Zoom/Facebook Live Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:00p.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 public hearings and meeting is closed to the public. The meeting is being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Emergency Operations Center page.

Notification of the Public Hearings were advertized in the Georgetown Times on Wednesday, June 3rd and Wednesday, June 10th and posted on the doors of Town Hall as required by the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, a post was placed on the Town of Andrews Facebook page and the Meeting Agenda was posted on the doors of Town Hall informing citizens who were interested in giving input for the Public Hearings, to email townhall@townofandrews.sc.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

Public Hearings

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Council of Andrews, S.C. for the following Proposed Ordinances Proposed Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance; Proposed Ordinance to Modify the Purchase Price of Burial Plots in the Andrews Memorial Cemetery; Proposed Water and Sewer Rates Increase Ordinance and Proposed FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget on Thursday, June 28, 2020 at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor McClary stated that the Ordinances were posted on the Town's Facebook Page prior to the meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to express their concerns. Two citizens posted comments and one of those concerns has already been addressed and the Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey will respond to the other. All of the ordinances have been vetted through by the Town's Attorney for a legal review to ensure that laws established will be enforceable.

Sidney Ackerman addressed his concerns about the maintaining and upkeep of easements and alleyways that borders multiple properties. Mayor McClary responded that the alleyways within the Town of Andrews are the responsibility of the Town to maintain. Mr. Thomas Rivers and the Public Works Department are currently putting a plan together on how to effectively address these concerns.

Mr. Ackerman also addressed his concerns with the Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance giving the enforcement officer the ability to enter into private property without cause and upon discovering a police matter can alert the police department and that will be used as an excuse, then the issue can be argued in court. Mayor McClary stated that any violators of the ordinance will be given every opportunity to address and correct the violation. However, if the property owner refuses to take the appropriate corrective action then the Town will step up and correct the issue and all associated cost will be assessed to the property owner. Mayor McClary stressed that this ordinance will not be misused by the police department to assist them with doing their job.

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Mr. Ackerman also stated that the Town has issues relating to this ordinance such as picking up debris and over grown ditches which contributes to nuisances caused by the Town. The Town will pick up; debris twice a year, during the fall and spring clean- up. Any debris related to a storm will be cleaned up by FEMA. The roads and ditches are the responsibility of SC DOT and that entity will be held accountable for its duties. Debris caused by any natural disaster or storms will not be held against any property owner for not being in compliance with the Town's ordinances. The Town has entered into a lawn service agreement with a company that maintains the Andrews Memorial Cemetery.

In closing Mayor McClary stated that the Sewer and Water Rate increase is not a Town Council decision, the Town was mandated by SC DHEC to raise these rates back in 2015 as a result of a Viability and Utility Rate Study. The study found that a 60% increase in the water and sewer rates is necessary to maintain the integrity of the current water and sewer systems to provide for future expansion and for anticipated mandates. The Town has implemented rate increases in small increments since 2015 as not to impose a single 60% rate increase on the citizens at one time. The Public Hearing came to a close at 6:22 p.m.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2020. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Angela Anderson
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 Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2020 Town Council Meeting 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 presented Town Council Members with a review of the Budgeted versus Actual Revenues and Expenditures Financial Report for the Town of Andrews for month ending May 31, 2020.

New Business

2020 Census: Mayor McClary encouraged all citizens to take the time to complete the 2020 Census survey. He also highlighted some of the benefits that the Town could receive as a result of the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. The Census will be the basis for which decisions will be made about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, housing assistance and other critical programs and services.

Old Business

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2020-03 a Tall Grass and Weed Ordinance: Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2020-03 an ordinance to secure the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners, by the control and regulation of the height of tall grass and weeds in subdivided lands and upon lands along improved streets within the town; to provide penalties for the violation thereof and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, motion carried.**

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2020-05 an Ordinance to Modify the Purchase Price of Burial Plots Within the Andrews Memorial Cemetery: Motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2020-05 an ordinance to modify the purchase price of plots within the Andrews Memorial Cemetery to eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for residents and one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for nonresidents. The purchase price shall be paid during the regular working hours of the Town Clerk. The purchase price shall be paid prior to the interment taking place. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, motion carried.**

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2020-06 an Ordinance to Modify the Water and Sewer Rates for the Town of Andrews: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to modify the water and sewer rates for the Town of Andrews by 3.25% effective August 1, 2020, and in the future as required to adequately operate, maintain and provide better and more efficient service in the future. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, motion carried.**

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2020-07 an Ordinance to establish a FY2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget for the Town of Andrews: Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2020-07 a FY2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget for the Town of Andrews that includes \$1,918,550.00 General

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Fund Revenues and Expenditures; \$1,835.092.00 in Water & Sewer Revenues and Expenditures; 137 Millage Rate. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, motion carried.**

Mayor McClary announced that Eastern Response and Recovery Group will be hosting a free food drive in Andrews on tomorrow. Citizens will receive fresh fruits and vegetables at no charge from 11am until 2pm at 303 East Main Street. In addition, 2020 Census and voter registration assistance will also be available. Thomas Chapel AME Church and Helping Hands of Andrews will be sponsoring a Free Food Drive on tomorrow starting at 9am until 11am. Mayor McClary informed Town Council members that the Town is on schedule with the construction process of the new Public Safety Complex. Demolition of the existing Andrews Fire Department is scheduled to begin on July 6, 2020. There is some work yet to be completed with regards to getting the relocation site for the AFD operational. The only concern now is to figure out what to do with the old fire engine and where it should go. He encouraged all departments to remove any items or equipment out of the current site as soon as possible because anything left on July 6th will be caught up in the demolition of the building. All interest parties were told to remove all salvageable items or properly dispose of anything that need to be disposed within the next several days. Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince asked the Mayor to clarify the amount of funds that the Town is expected to receive from the CPST Referendum. Mayor McClary responded the Town is expected to receive 3 million, however there is a surplus of funds to be allocated to the completion of the top five projects per the referendum. Andrews Project is one of the top five projects; therefore, the Town should receive additional funding toward the completion of the Public Safety Complex project per the referendum. A meeting will be scheduled for Town Council and the Contractors to review in detail the progress of the ongoing project.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.