

Town of Andrews

Monthly Town Council Meeting Thursday, April 26, 2012

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Rodney Giles
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Patsy Greene
Council Member Thomas Alford
Council Member Mattie McGee
Council Member David Tisdale

After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford to approve the minutes from the March 15 , 2012 Council Meeting. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried

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

Citizen's Comment

Mrs. Amy Flagler commented on how well the pavement looks on Main Street. She stated that she lives on South Beech Avenue and that the street on which she resides is in dire need of being resurfaced and she questioned how she could have this matter addressed. Mayor Giles stated that the Town has received grant

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money to repair Hwy 41, Hwy 521 and thirteen (13) side streets and there will be a second phase to this project that will increase the total number of streets to be repaired or resurfaced to twenty one (21). Senator Yancey McGill and Council Members along with a DOT representative rode around the Town of Andrews to observe the conditions of the streets. They have identified the top thirteen streets that will be repaired first. It was stated that South Beech Street is one of the streets that is on the list to be resurfaced.

Ms. Suda Patel came before council and questioned if the Town has any existing drawings of the plans for the Railway Bed Park project that was started by the previous administration and if she could review those drawings? Ms. Patel stated that the Special Council Meeting that was held on last week at which she presented her beautification project for Historical Down Town was very successful. However, for her to take the next step which consists of her performing field measurements along Main Street there is the concern of the heavy flow of traffic down Main Street so she asked the question rather or not she could get Law Enforcement assist by directing traffic during this process. Mayor Giles stated that the drawings do exist but it would take some time to locate them and he assigned the task of locating the drawing to Mr. Windham. Mr. Windham stated that he would need at least a week to locate the drawings. Mayor Giles told Ms. Patel she would need to talk to Chief Jennifer Flowers about the traffic issue and receiving assistance from the police department while conducting her field measurements along Main Street.

Ms. Pamela Williams appeared before Council and stated that she is with the Andrews New Fund Festival Committee and stated that plans for the festival are coming along real well. She stated that they will not be able to have a big festival this year, however they do have several small events that they will be hosting. She stated that they will be having a luncheon on tomorrow at the Pavilion. She stated she has visited a lot of local businesses and has solicited support

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throughout the community. They are working towards giving the festival a face lift from the original theme the "Good Ole Days" but they will include parts of the Good Ole Days. She stated that they have received funds from local businesses and hope to receive more from other businesses in the area.

Mrs. Denise Davis appeared before council once again with the concern about her neighbors dogs. She stated that her neighbor has about 13 to 16 dogs in cages in their yard and the noise is very disturbing. She stated that she had previous addressed this issue her at a Council Meeting and Chief Flowers stated that she would look into this issue but nothing has yet been resolved. Joyce Roberts stated that the chief has spoken to the county but she doesn't know what the result of the phone call was. Mayor Giles asked Mr. Windham to make a call to the County Administrator and find out what can be done to address this problem. Mrs. Davis also questioned who does she contact about the ditch in front of her house? Mayor Giles informed her that she needs to contact the Department of Transportation with any concerns about the ditch in front of her home.

Mayor Giles thanked everyone for being in attendance tonight.

Appearing Before Council

Ms. Wanda Charping, CPA, Accountant for the Town of Andrews appeared before Council and gave a detailed summary of about 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.

Pastor Hardee appeared before council and stated that the Join Hands Committee well host their annual event on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 9:00 am and he encouraged the Mayor and Council Members to come out and assist them in their efforts.

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Mr. Don Parsons stated that they will be working on the following projects:

- Placing basket ball goals in the park o Jones Avenue
- Giving the MLK Memorial a facelift
- Working on projects at both the Middle and Elementary Schools
- Working on a project at Dr. Harper's old office
- Painting the front of Town Hall

Mr. Parsons stated that he would like for the Town to adopt the Joint Hands Day Project every May and give the committee a project for the Town every year.

Mr. Ben Cohen appeared before Council requesting the approval to change the location of his Eagle Scout Project from Farr Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive to the corner of Morgan Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive. He stated that the original area is grassy and no parking area is available for on lookers. He feels like the new location would be a more suitable and presentable location for his project. He referred to the original planned location as a waste of material. a waste for the Town and everyone involved with the project. He stated he would like to place the project in a location where the landscaping is well kept and plenty of parking would be available and have it in location where everyone would have a point of interest.

Council agreed to schedule a Special Council Meeting on Monday at 5:30 pm to be held at Trinity Parking Lot to revisit the two locations and decide whether or not make the accommodations for Mr. Ben Cohen to relocate his Memorial Park Project.

New Business

Mr. Windham stated that the County of Georgetown has agreed to paint the fire station using inmate labor. However, the Town of Andrews would have to purchase the paint and materials for the painting to be done. Two quotes were obtained for the work to be done and of the two quotes; Sherwin Williams quote was the low quote of \$1393.19. The motion was made by Council Member

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Thomas Alford that we should allow Georgetown County with the assistance of inmates to paint the fire station and that the Town agrees to purchase the necessary materials from Sherwin Williams in the amount of \$1393.19. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Windham presented a Resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Andrews. This Resolution is a yearly requirement of the Council of Governments and the Federal Government in order to make the Town eligible for Community Development Block Grant Money. The motion was made by Council Member David Tisdale to pass the Resolution to declare April as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Andrews and it was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Windham stated Council has previously gave approval to go ahead and begin the process of refurbishing manholes in the town of Andrews to curb the amount of inflow and infiltration we are receiving. The approval was to repair as we had the money to do so. The company who will be doing the repairs is requesting that they complete the job in groups of five (5) man holes. However, the company is requesting \$5000.00 up front to begin the work. The motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson that the Town will agree to pay the Company upfront \$5000.00 to begin the repair work on five (5) man holes and the motion was seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Windham stated that the roof at Town Hall has been temporarily repaired which has stopped the leaking. However, the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning system at Town Hall needs to be replaced. His recommendation is that Council should agree to replace the HVAC unit in Town Hall. The motion was made by Council Member Thomas Alford to accept the Bid from Bruce Brown to replace the HVAC system at Town Hall and the motion was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

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Mr. Windham stated that we still have an ongoing problem with the removal of the sludge from the Lagoon. We were able to pump the sludge out of the Lagoon into Geo-Tubes for decartelization. We were successful in getting the dredge to work and started the pumping procedure. Now we are in need of a method to remove the sludge from the water which can be done by running a line from the Lagoon to the nearest lift station so that the water can then be pumped to Georgetown for testing. The price for completing this task will cost \$7362.76 to purchase the piping and approximately \$800.00 for a pump. The Town will also have an additional cost for Georgetown testing the water. The motion was made by Council Member David Tisdale that we move forward with the

Lagoon cleanup process and authorize the additional monies for the purchasing of the pipe and pump to aide in this clean-up process and the motion was seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Windham stated that we recently had an infestation of bees at Town Hall and he contacted a Bee Removal Company to come and take care of the problem. The company came out this past Saturday morning and worked on the removal of the bees. This task cost the Town \$475.00.

Mr. Windham said he and Ms. Charping is working on a recommended budget for Council to review and he plans to present the first reading in May and have a final reading in June.

Mr. Windham stated that the Town has received taxes from Performance Fabrics and the money will allow the Town to pay its debt off to the I.R.S., which would open up a lot of doors as pertaining to the Town obtaining financing from various entities. The motion was made by Council Member Patsy Greene that when the check comes in from Williamsburg County for the taxes that The Town should pay off its debt to the I.R. S. and the motion was seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Windham stated that he had covered all of his items previously under New and Old Business.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and the motion was seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford.

The motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and the motion was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene.

Council Report

Council Member Angela Anderson stated that the Town will sponsor on May 19, 2012 from 12 noon until 6pm an End of School Year Festival filled with fund and food in the Andrews Pavilion area.

Council Member Angela Anderson stated that she has received several complaints from citizens who live near L&L Contracting Company about the loud noise early in the morning associated with the cranking up of large trucks and equipment. Mr. Windham was asked to contact the company and see what he can find out about this issue and report his findings back to Council.

Council Member Patsy Greene stated she and other Council Members gave out Recreational Grant money to Living Faith Fitness Center for area senior citizens to come out and exercise at the gym. They have purchased basket ball goals for the park in West Andrews. They have set money aside to help fund the May 19 Festival. They will purchase paint to do some maintenance work at the park and remove the broken down fence from the park. She stated that she would like to thank Senators Yancey McGill and Carl Anderson for granting the Town of Andrews the money from PARD Grant Funds. The remaining funds will be used to help fund the Back to School Festival this year.

Department Heads Report

Mr. Eddie Shaw Public Works Department Supervisor stated that he had already submitted his report to Town Administrator Mr. Roland Windham. Mr. Shaw stated that he and his workers had demolished the house on Jones Avenue.

There was no report made by the Police Department.

Ms. Joyce Roberts stated that she attended class on last week in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. to obtain the hours needed to sustain her victim's advocate's certification for the year.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles said that Mr. Windham and himself had discussed the idea of Tarwanda Ward coming back to work in the front office on an as needed basis to fill in when Patsy or Patrice is out of work. The motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson to allow Tarwanda Ward to come back to work in the front office on an as needed basis to fill in when Patsy or Patrice is out and the motion was seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Giles announced that Agru America has expanded its company to Andrews and has opened up in the old Phoenix Building and the company plans to bring 100 jobs to the area.

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.