

Town of Andrews

Public Hearings and Monthly Town Council Meeting

Via Zoom/Facebook Live

Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:00 p.m.

101 North 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 are closed to the public. These events are being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Emergency Operations Center Facebook page.

Public Hearings

Notification of the Public Hearings were advertised in the Georgetown Times on Wednesday, June 2nd and posted on the doors of Town Hall as required by the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, a post was on the Town of Andrews Facebook page and the meeting agenda was posted on the doors of Town Hall.

Public Hearings

A Public Hearing was held by the Andrews Town Council for the following proposed ordinances:

- Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance at 6:11 p.m. until 6:17 p.m., there were no citizen comments online.
- Proposed FY 2021-2022 Operating Budget at 6:18 p.m. until 6:24 p.m., there were no citizen comments online.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Angela Anderson
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
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 Council Member Amy Flagler to approve the Thursday, May 20, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; 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 Town of Andrews Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual for the ten months ended May 31, 2021.

Old Business

Second Reading Ordinance Number 2021-03: Proposed FY2021-2022 Annual Operating Budget Ordinance. Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2021-03, a proposed FY2021-2022 Annual Operating Budget Ordinance as follows:

General Fund Revenues: \$1,975,200.00

General Fund Expenditures: \$1,805,938.00

Millage Rate 137

Water & Sewer Fund Revenues \$1,771,720.00

Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures \$1,940,982.00

This Ordinance shall be effective on the date of the final (second) reading.

Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.

New Business

First Reading Ordinance Number 2021-04: A Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance. Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2021-04 to modify the water and sewer rates for the Town of Andrews by 3.50% effective August 1, 2021, and as required to adequately operate, maintain and provide better and more efficient service in the future.

Planning Commission Appointee Recommendation: Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to approve Council Member Robert Stamper's recommendation to appoint Mr. William Newton to the Planning Commission. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey provided an update on the status of USDA Funding for the purchase of equipment for the Andrews Police Department and the Public Works Department. To date the Town is moving forward with the purchase of equipment for both departments. Four vehicles; two for the APD and two for the Public Works Department have already been purchased. The purchase of additional vehicles for the APD is currently being reviewed as well as the associated cost for outfitting the vehicles.

Council Reports

Council Member James Altman, no report.

Council Member Angela Anderson solicited support for Helping Hands of Andrews and she stated that the Agency is in need of a building to house its operations.

Council Member Amy Flagler raised concerns with the Andrews Fire Department not having a service truck. Mayor McClary in response stated that the AFD has three engines and one service truck. The department has been serving the area for years with no problems. In his opinion the department is in good shape.

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that he was in attendance at the Town Council Meeting on April 15, 2021 during which Love Bailey and Associates gave a presentation on the Town's most recent Financial Audit. During the presentation it was stated by the Auditor's that the Town is in good financial standing and all records are in compliance with State Law. He further stated that it is evident that the is Town's Staff and Town's CPA are all doing an excellent job. He stated that he was instrumental in helping citizens receive assistance with water leak repairs and the covering of manholes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Frank McClary stated that candidates will be interviewed on tomorrow to fill the position of Police Chief. Twelve applicants have applied and eight will be interviewed. Council Members were encouraged to make an effort to attend community events for the purpose of being active within the community in which they serve. They were also encouraged to attend Town Council meetings as required. Town Hall remains closed to the Public. The Town has limited staff members and the threat of having one employee out of work for an extended period of time would be detrimental to the Town's daily operations. However, a flexible schedule is currently being reviewed which will require Town Hall to be open to the public for a limited number of hours daily. In closing it was announced that Mr. Eliot Middleton will appear on CBS News this coming Monday Night and recognized as a South Carolina man who transforms lives by donating repaired clunkers to individuals who are in need of vehicles. He recently donated a vehicle to Mr. John Darby who is a citizen of the Town of Andrews.

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.