

Town of Andrews

Regular Monthly Town Council / Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Andrews High School Auditorium

12890 County Line Road Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2019. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee

Council Member Terrance Middleton

Council Member Marva Session

Council Member Angela Anderson

Council Member James Altman

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Bradley Prince to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2019 Regular Monthly Council Meeting as written. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; 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

Members of Town Council were provided a Town of Andrews Budgeted versus Actual Revenues and Expenditures Financial Report for the month ending September 30, 2019.

Old Business

2nd Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-08: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance Number 2019-03 an ordinance Prohibiting Adult Entertainment Establishments. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

Executive Session

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Council Member James Altman to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to S.C. 30-4-70 [a] to discuss a contractual matter as it relates to AIA Contract Public Safety Building S.C. Code 30-4-70 [a] [2].

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to come out of Executive Session.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. ***Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.***

Town Hall Meeting Highlights

Mayor McClary opened the meeting with a brief summary which informed those present that the purpose of this meeting is to establish an open dialogue between the citizens, local and state representatives. This gave citizens the opportunity to address any questions or concerns that they had concerning the Town of Andrews.

- Senator Ronnie Sabb and Representative Carl Anderson presented to the Town of Andrews a \$150,000.00 check to help fund building improvements at Andrews Town Hall.
- Senator Ronnie Sabb and Representative Carl Anderson voiced their strong opinions on the continued need of support for our school system and education. It was stated that the top agenda items for them this year will include overhauling education and increase funding for education. Funding will be allocated to those districts which are generally overlooked when it comes to state funding for various reasons and millions will be allocated into the budget for school buses. South Carolina teachers have received pay raises over the past three years. A Pilot Program was established that allowed students within the S.C. School System who qualified for free or reduced school lunch to attend a technical college of their choice at no cost. Because the program was a success, it was expanded from 1 county to 16 counties within the past two years. There was a freeze on tuition increases this year for all state supported colleges.
- November 16, 2019 has been declared as clean-up day over the state in an attempt to remove garbage and debris from the side of S.C. highways.
- Mayor McClary announced that a satellite program from Horry Georgetown Technical College is now being offered in Andrews. Certified Nursing Assistant and EMT Courses are scheduled to be held in Andrews at 30 East Main Street.
- A representative of Coast RTA came to introduced their services to the citizens of Andrews. Coast RTA is a local public transportation company that provides safe and affordable means of transportation. The company is in the process of gathering information from underserved communities in an effort to expand their service area. A public meeting will be scheduled to obtain input from citizens about the need and demand for services within Andrews.
- County Councilman Everett Carolina gave an update on county projects which includes paving or resurfacing of 110 roads, the construction of 10 sub-stations, dredging projects and the Andrews Public Safety Complex being funded mainly by the 1% sale tax referendum. He mentioned that there is a surplus of funds from the referendum, however by law all proposed projects must be completed before any of the surplus funds can be allocated towards any other projects.
- Brian Brown a representative of GMK Associates stated that his company is now working on the design phase of the new public safety complex for Andrews. Construction is expected to begin in June of 2020. The new facility will be around 17,000 square feet and located on the site of the existing Town Hall.
- Mayor McClary stated that opportunities to bring affordable housing to the Andrews area are being explored. Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey stated that the starting point to bringing opportunities to Andrews is to provide affordable homes which can lead to economic development growth.
- Mayor McClary entertained questions from citizens who had concerns about water and sewer bills. He explained that prior administrations of the Town of Andrews have neglected

to maintain and invest in the up keep of its water and sewer systems for years. S.C. DHEC mandated the Town of Andrews increase water and sewer rates by 60% in 2014. The rates have been raised in several increments from 2016 up until the recent 3.25% increase set in August.

- Several citizens voiced concerns about increased and/or fluctuations in their water and sewer bills. Mayor McClay suggested that all citizens contact the billing department personally to discuss their situations directly.