

Town of Andrews
Council Meeting
Sheriff's Department Sub-Station Courtroom
110 North Morgan Avenue
Andrews, SC 29510
January 17, 2013
6:00 PM

Amended Agenda

- I. Invocation
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Monthly Bank Statements: For information only
- VI. Citizen Comments (Three (3) minutes only)
- VII. Appearance(s):
 - Wanda Charping, CPA: Accountant for the Town of Andrews
- VIII. New Business
 - Second Reading:** Municipal Association Business License Ordinance
- IX. Old Business
 - Patricia Brown: Mobile Home
- X. Administrator's Report
- XI. Council's Report
- XII. Department Head Reports
- XIII. Mayor's Report
- XIV. Executive Session
 - Personnel matters
 - Contractual matters
- XV. Adjourn

Town of Andrews

Monthly Town Council Meeting Thursday, January 17, 2013

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Mayor Rodney Giles.
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 Sid Ackerman
Council Member David Tisdale

After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2012 Council Meeting. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-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

Ms. Cynthia Vereen appeared before Mayor and Council to question why have she been being issued averaged or estimated water bills since 2011. Ms. Vereen states that she is the only one in the household and does not use 4500 gallons of water on a monthly basis. Mayor Rodney Giles then stated that the town has a

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great deal of meters that are not working. Until those meters are replaced with working meters all customers are issued an averaged bill. Ms. Vereen's meter has already been replaced, but she is awaiting a current reading to see if the readings are normal.

Mariah Whitehead, who was invited by Accountant Wanda Charping appeared before Mayor and Council to answer questions that they might have regarding the Nature Conservancy's interest on the property good located on Black River. Ms. Whitehead stated that at one point they went under contract with the Town on the property, and found that there was an access issue to the property. The Nature Conservancy has since been awarded some grant money that will assist with pursuing the property if the access issue could be worked out. Ms. Whitehead also stated that she understands that the Town might be entertaining another offer on the property as well. She stated that the main interest of the Nature Conservancy is to give vehicular access to the 1200 acres they have adjacent to it, and that it would give a boat landing to the river where you could drive your vehicle there. Without access the Nature Conservancy would purchase a portion of the river frontage that aligns with their other ownership on the black river, but she believes they will not move forward without full access. Mayor Giles stated that he including council will come up with a list of questions that they are concerned about, and will address at a later time.

Appearing before Council

The Town Accountant Ms. Wanda Charping appeared before Mayor and Council and gave a few handouts to council concerning interest in The Local Government Investment Pool ran by the State Treasurer. Ms. Charping stated that the receipts of revenue are uneven; they come in on the General Fund. The tax receipts come in on January, February, and March, and in June you get large receipts. Ms. Charping thinks they should remove that excess funds and invest it in the Local Government Investment Pool. She states that it is there for that purpose, and that we would only draw out money that we need for monthly purposes such as payroll, vendors, and etc which is about \$200,000.00 a month. She added that by doing that we would earn \$15,000-\$40,000 a year whereas now we are not

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earning anything. Ms. Charping added that by law a bank has to collateralize your deposits, so when we make a deposit into First Citizens they have to collateralize the deposits so if they go broke then we get the collateral. Public money must be collateralized. Ms. Wanda Charping then asked council to do a Resolution that could wait until the next meeting or to vote on it now. Councilman Thomas Alford asked was there any stipulations on retrieving the money, or was there certain hold or wait time. Town Accountant Wanda Charping began reading the Resolution to Mayor and Council. Ms. Charping concluded by saying that the Town is in good standing, and that she is satisfied with the results.

After reading of the Resolution a motion was made by Council Member David Tisdale and seconded by Sid Ackerman, to authorize Town Accountant Ms. Wanda Charping to allow the Town Of Andrews to participate in the Local Government Investment pool. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes, Greene-Yes and Mayor Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Giles introduced Sarah Daniels of Agru America. Agru America purchased assets at the old industrial park in January of last year. They have since reopened the facility and re-hired some of their former employees. Since being open, they have renovated and made improvements to the building. Ms. Daniels also stated that hopefully by 2015 they will employ more the 70 people, whereas right now they have 39 positions filled. The company has been in the area since 1996, and they are hoping in the near future the business continues to grow.

A motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and Seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford to table their decision until a bit more research and information has been done. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Council rendered a second reading of an ordinance regarding the Municipal Association Business License Ordinance. A motion was made my Council Member Thomas Alford and seconded by Council Member David Tisdale to move

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on to a second reading of the Municipal Association Business License Ordinance. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Alford-Yes, Ackerman-No, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes, Greene-Yes, Giles-Yes.

Old Business

Council Member Sid Ackerman made a motion and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to give Mrs. Patricia Brown a current copy of the Mobile Home Ordinance and let her proceed as stated in the Ordinance. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes, Greene-Yes, and Giles-Yes. All in favor motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Mrs. Mauretta Dorsey the Town's new Administrator came before council to express her thanks to everyone on the Town Council, Mayor Giles, and the citizens of Andrews for allowing her to become the new Town Administrator. She has placed before council a calendar of upcoming events and Council Meetings.

Council Report

Council Member Thomas Alford stated that they had their first Veterans meeting this past Monday, and they talked about tackling the Flag, and Flag pole issue. Council Member Alford also stated that the Town would benefit from a bulletin board being placed outside of Town Hall that displays upcoming events and news.

Department Heads Report

Rob Stamper with the Andrews Fire Department appeared before Mayor and Council to inform them of a very important upcoming test for all Firemen on the 25th of January. He just asked for everyone to wish them well and give a few encouraging words if we would see them. They have also received their new radios but they are in Myrtle Beach awaiting final programming.

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Interim Verney Cumbee with the Andrews Police Department appeared before Mayor and Council and explained that the radios are in an installed in all vehicles which are a total of 6. He added that they are working like should.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles did not have any comments at tonight's meeting.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Sid Ackerman to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel and Contractual matters.

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to come out of Executive Session, the motion was carried. Mayor Giles stated that there was no decision made in Executive Session on the matters discussed.

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to resend the ordinance of the Local Government Investment Pool. All in favor, motion carried.

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to amend the agenda that would allow them to vote on the Local Government Investment Pool. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Dorsey stated that each employee can only carry over 80hrs of vacation time effective December 31, 2013, in which could be revisited at any time. Council Member Sid Ackerman made a motion to approve this change, and was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene. All in favor, motion carried.

She also addressed the issue to approve the use of flexible days to help reduce the number of accumulated hours that employees have. The use of flexible days

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will be effective until December 31, 2013 as approved by Mayor and Council. All in favor, motion carried.

Administrator Mauretta Dorsey also addressed the change in employee hours for the Water and Sewer department. Beginning February 1, 2013 Mayor and Council approved an 8:30-5:00pm closing Monday-Friday as stated. Public Works hours are to be from 6am-3pm during the summer months of June, July, and August. In addition, during the winter months Public Works hours are scheduled to be from 7am-4pm during all other months. A letter will be submitted to all employees to read and adhere to these changes set forth. A motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Sid Ackerman to approve these changes. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes, Greene-Yes, and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

Council Member Sid Ackerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm and was seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Keeya Cumbee.