

Town of Andrews
Council Meeting
Sheriff's Department Sub-Station Courtroom
110 North Morgan Avenue
Andrews, SC 29510
Thursday, November 21, 2013
6:00 PM

Amended Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call**
- V. Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2013**
- VI. Monthly Bank Statements: For information only**
- VII. Presentations:**
 - Love & Faith Fitness Center
 - Town of Andrews Volunteer Fire Department
- VIII. Citizen Comments (Three (3) minutes only)**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. New Business**
 - Resolution: Additional designation of funds for Police cars
- XI. Appearance(s):**
 - William Rose, IET Consulting
 - Wanda Charping, CPA: Accountant for the Town of Andrews
- XII. Administrator's Report**
- XIII. Council's Report**
- XIV. Department Head Reports**
- XV. Mayor's Report**
- XVI. Executive Session**
 - Legal matters:
 - Contractual Matters:
- XVII. Adjourn**

Town of Andrews

**Public Hearing/Regular Town Council Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2013**

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday November 21, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Greene presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Town Officials Present:

Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Thomas Alford
Council Member Mattie McGee
Council Member David Tisdale
Council Member Patsy Green
Council Member Sid Ackerman

Mayor Giles entered Meeting

After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2013 Council Meeting. Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, McGee-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes, and Mayor Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Presentations

Mayor Giles Presented Love & Faith Fitness Center with a check, thanking them for their dedication to the Town, and opting to bring a fitness center to Andrews. The community has really appreciated this great addition to the town, and they would like to see it here for the long haul. Mayor Giles stated that they can use the money for new equipment or whatever the business needs to keep progressing.

Mayor Giles also thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for their hard work and dedication to the Town. Mayor Giles stated that they will receive their presentation on next week.

Citizens Comments

Gail Moore appeared before mayor and council stating that she has had debris that has been sitting near her driveway for more than 6 weeks. She stated that the debris is not from her property, but other individuals in the neighborhood who dumps there. Mrs. Moore presented the town with pictures to back up her argument of the illegal dumping and such near her home. Mrs. Moore continued that she does not believe that it is her problem or personal property to put up a no dumping sign, whereas she believes it is the Town who should put up and enforce the no dumping sign/rule. Mayor Giles stated that the Town will contact Robert Cox, who is the town's code enforcer to look into the situation. Mrs. Moore also stated that speed is a problem on Cedar Avenue. She finished by saying what are the steps with condemning old homes in the community. Mayor Giles stated that we have contracted out with Georgetown County code enforcer, and that they will be handling anything from there on out.

Jacob Rouse appeared before mayor and council in hopes of getting a refund for having to pay a reconnection fee early in the day. He stated that his water was unjustly disconnected and he feels he is entitled to a refund due in part to the fact that he was there to pay the bill, but didn't have enough money so he left in order to go to the bank, but by the time he got back to pay his water was already disconnected resulting in a \$40.00 reconnection fee. Mr. Rouse stated that he has never had this happen before and he has lived in the town for most of his life, as well as being employed by the town for over 27 years, and that it was embarrassing.

Bill Gaskins stood before mayor and council as a spokesperson for the American Red Cross in which he thanked the town for last year's donation which was

greatly appreciated. He stated that they are in the 6th year of 25 year anniversary of the Red Cross Christmas dinner. He continued that on Christmas Eve they plan to keep the tradition going by hosting another dinner this year at Trinity United Methodist Church. He stated that last year they served close to 2500 meals to surrounding communities. Mr. Gaskins stated that he would like to thank everyone who has helped support in the past, and asked that if anyone would like information about donating, or volunteering please give him a call it would be greatly appreciated.

Larry King appeared before mayor and council with concerns of a safety issue on Magnolia Avenue. He stated that there are individuals who walks on the high way as well as people pushing strollers with children following closely behind. He continued that something needs to be done in regards to citations issued and more police paroling the area before someone gets hurt.

Dot Pushia stood before mayor and council with regards to when trash pickups take place. She stated that pickups were twice a week, but now it is only once a week. Mrs. Dorsey stood and stated that currently trash pickups are only on Mondays(Northside) and Tuesdays(Southside) with Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday set aside as time to clean up debris etc. on sides of the roads. Mrs. Dorsey concluded that it is only temporary and when pending work orders are completed we will revert back to the regular schedule.

Winston Altman stood before mayor and council in regards to where is the line that divides North/South sides of town. He stated that he is only concerned because his trash hasn't been picked up lately. He stated that the town should have done a better job with informing the public of such change. Mrs. Dorsey apologized on behalf of the town. He also stated that Magnolia Avenue is unsafe for patrons because of the speed in which vehicles travel. Mr. Altman stood stating that he does own a home that is failing on the town's code, but he does not have the money or resources at the moment to repair the house, so he will be glad to give/donate to anyone who can repair or tear down.

Debra Wright appeared before mayor and council in regards to the change in trash pickup. She continued that she would just like some clarity on what day's trash pickups will be occurring.

Ben McGill stood before mayor and council in regards to a few things that will be happening in the community with the coming New Year. He continued that on January 18th they will hold the annual banquet, January 19th they will host the

Association of Churches Program, and January 20th they will host the Living the Dream Committee march and ceremony.

Samuel Marsh stood before mayor and council thanking Jackie Shaw for such tremendous help when he was looking for a water leak, in which he has found and the problem is solved.

Old Business

There was no Old Business up for discussion

New Business

Resolution to designate funds for police cars. Council Member Sid Ackerman made a motion to designate \$100,000 for police cars, the motion was seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford. McGee-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Greene-Yes, Mayor Giles –Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Appearance(s)

William Rose stood before mayor and council stating that he has been working with the town's water and sewer department. Mr. Rose talked about a dumping site for debris. Mr. Rose stated that with a lot of work the opening of the Waste water Treatment plant can be underway. Mr. Rose stated that since the meeting in Columbia with Dhec they have been working hard to getting the well houses up and running to code.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Mauretta Dorsey appeared before mayor and council stating that she appreciates the turnout. She apologized for the communication error in regards to the trash pickup schedule. Mrs. Dorsey continued that the Christmas tree lighting will be held on December 5, 2013 at 5:30p.m. The annual Christmas parade will be held on December 8, 2013. She continued that the server is installed and up and running and that our system is totally secured. Training has been completed for both the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission, where they will set their schedule for next year. Mrs. Dorsey concluded by stating that the fire department receive a letter of thanks from the Mayor of Georgetown for their quick response regarding the front street fires.

Council Report

Council Member Thomas Alford stood before mayor and council thanking everyone for their participation and support in regards to the 8th Year Veterans Parade. He concluded that there will be upcoming projects that will be brought forth in the New Year.

Council Member Mattie McGee stated that she has gotten several calls concerning the Christmas Parade in regards to the throwing of the candy. She stated that she wants to know rather we have changed the insurance policy. Council Member Patsy Greene stated that St. James-Santee Health Clinic have selected a spot located on Hwy 41 as the site for their new health clinic. Ms. Greene stated that this will be a great addition to the town, because everyone deserves affordable doctor.

Mayors Report

Mayor Giles stated that he really hopes that St. James-Santee Health Clinic will locate, because it will really help the community. Mayor Giles stated that a need for a new health clinic is very much needed in our community.

Department Heads

Chief Cooper stood before mayor and council stating that everything is going well within the police department. Chief Cooper stated that arrest have been made with the ongoing burglaries in town. Chief Cooper continued that the Police Department has purchased 3 new vehicles for its police force, and with hopes that more will be purchased soon.

Executive Session

Council Member Angela Anderson made a motion to enter into Executive Session, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Patsy Greene.

Council Member Sid Ackerman made a motion to come out of Executive Session, the motion was seconded by council member Thomas Alford.

There was no decision rendered in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Keeya Cumbee