

Town of Andrews
Council Meeting
Sheriff's Department Sub-Station Courtroom
110 North Morgan Avenue
Andrews, SC 29510
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
6:00 PM

Agenda

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Invocation
- III.** Pledge of Allegiance
- IV.** Approval of Minutes: September , 2014
- V.** Monthly Bank Statements: For information only
- VI.** Citizen Comments (Three (3) minutes only)
- VII.** Old Business
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- VIII.** New Business
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- IX.** Appearance(s):
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- X.** Administrator's Report
- XI.** Department Head Reports
- XII.** Mayor's Report
- XIII.** Executive Session
 - Legal matters: Insurance Reserve, Proper Policy & Procedures
 - Contractual Matters: Town Property
 - Personnel Matters: Police Department
- XIV.** Adjourn

Town of Andrews

**Regular Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Wednesday October 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Rev. Clint Stockton
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Rodney Giles
Council Member Patsy Green
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Sudha Patel
Council Member Mattie McGee
Council Member David Tisdale
Council Member Eddie Lee

After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2014 Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Citizen's Comment

There were no citizen comments at this time

Old Business

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that the appearance of the property located at 410 N. Farr is very poor. He stated that there is debris on the porch area as well as the grass definitely needs cutting. Mr. Lee continued that Mr. Parson stated that he is trying to get some help with getting things cleaned up around the property, but has been unsuccessful. Mr. Lee ended by asking council to draft a letter to Mr. Parson in regards to the property located above.

Council Member Sudha Patel stated that the debris within the Town is not being picked up as expected. She continued that the Town is not doing its share in picking up the debris as she thought it would. Ms. Patel stated that she understands that we are short staffed but at some point a decision needs to be made to be fair to the citizens of the Town.

Council Member Lee reiterated what Council Member Patel stated, the work needs to be done. He also continued that customers also put things that the town cannot pick up at the right of way, for example: Old commodes, sinks, chairs, and numerous other household items. He ended by saying these types of items should be hauled off to the recycling center for disposal.

Council Member Greene stated that public works has been picking up debris and that nothing much has been done since Georgetown County came and helped out earlier in the year. She continued that she thinks they are doing a good job with picking up considering they are short staffed. Ms. Greene stated that once before she insisted that we have a pickup spot for all debris on each street because it will be a lot easier to go to the pickup spot versus every customer's resident.

** Mattie McGee entered the meeting **

Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Anderson asked have we made our citizens aware of the things the town will be responsible for picking up, so they will know what to put on the side at the right of way. Mrs. Anderson continued that if we haven't it needs to be done at the beginning of every year so the citizens will know what to put there and what does not need to be there. Mayor Giles stated that council needs to meet to discuss what can be picked up and possibly revise the ordinance to reflect on the decisions that council vote on in regards to the debris pickup.

Council Member David Tisdale also stressed the importance of having designated areas for debris pickup. He continued that it will be best if we contract the debris pickup to a company whose sole responsibility will be the removal and dumping

of the debris until we can get something decent and reliable to pick up debris. Council Member Angela Anderson agreed with Council Member Tisdale that this is a good idea for mayor and council to consider.

Council Member Patel added that she knows we have a limited number of employees within public works to do the work that is needed, therefore, privatizing certain jobs might be a good option. She continued that we do have local citizens who have the skills and can get the job done and if we issue contracts for certain jobs that needs to be done it will be taken care of in a timely fashion. Ms. Patel stated that we have local talent that can be put to use especially in regards to main street cleanup and maintenance.

Council Member Lee insisted that we can possibly get the work done for a fraction of the rate or free of charge whichever presents itself first.

New Business

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that we definitely need a Street Sweeper for the town even if we have to borrow one for the time being because we are now facing sewer issues and if dirt and debris keeps seeping into the drains we are going to have a serious issues whereas our sewer system is concerned.

Appearance(s)

Town Accountant Wanda Charping appeared before Mayor and Council stating that we are one quarter into the fiscal year so there is not much to discuss. Things seem to be moving in the right direction there is nothing dramatically under or over budget. As of now one critical aspect of Water and Sewer is the sale of the property and we have since made significant progress in terms of finalizing the sale. Council Member Angela Anderson asked about the wages and salary line in regards to overtime. Wanda stated that it is a little bit over but that is normal because it fluctuates and to wait and see in about a months' time where we stand. In regards to General Fund we are coming in a little bit lower as far as the budget. She continued that revenues are uneven and we are not going to see much coming in until the winter months of January, February, and March.

Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey came before mayor and council stating that on Saturday September 27th we had an issue with the motor at well #2 it failed

and had to be rebuilt and as of now it is back online and functioning properly. She continued that we are doing some infiltration repairs at lift station #19 because it has some concrete erosion. The guys have taken out all the old concrete, backfilled it and they are going to cover it with rocks for the time being until we can come up with a more feasible plan of action. She continued that we are still on track with our DHEC corrective action plan. Well #4 is pretty much ready to launch as Mr. Law needs to replace the check and altitude valves and we will be on schedule for the 10/31 as mandated by DHEC. Mrs. Dorsey continued that we are all aware that October is Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence awareness month, and as we know breast cancer affects both men and women and touches someone closely that we all know and that we want to be vigilant in participating and being active in these types of events. Mrs. Dorsey continued that we are currently processing a raffle to donate money to both causes. Gentle Dentistry has donated six gift cards from various retailers that they gave us permission to use for this event being that they were not used for the 105th Anniversary Celebration. She continued that the 105th Anniversary was a success and we have received great feedback from patrons as well as the community; everyone's input as well as participation has been greatly appreciated. Living Water Band who provided the music and equipment sent a thank you note thanking the Town of Andrews for welcoming them and letting them be a part of a great event. Council Member Eddie Lee asked how many wells do we have running, Mrs. Dorsey stated that we have 2 as of now but 3 will be up and running by the end of the month. Council Member Patsy Greene asked have we checked on how much it will cost to initiate the call function between the wells. Mrs. Dorsey stated that he will be able to launch that function once the third well is up and running because three wells have to be online to do so. Council Member Mattie McGee asked how much revenue was generated from the 105th Anniversary. Mrs. Dorsey stated that we started with zero and so far we have raised about \$2500.00 but we are still checking those numbers because a few expenses will have to be paid, but it could be a little more than that.

Department Head Report

Chief Kaynnera Capers stood before Mayor and Council stating that compared to last year crime has decreased significantly. The call volume has gone down 75% meaning Andrews is a lot safer stated Chief Capers. He continued that there was

an inventory management of the files and such and that each agency from Sled to the Solicitors office is pleased with the results. Chief Capers stated that he will be contacting them to come do an audit in December of the evidence room. He finished by stating that everything within the department and community is running up to par and that means that everyone is doing their job in a way that it's supposed to be done. Council Member Eddie Lee stated that he appreciates what Chief is doing within the department. Mayor Giles asked what measures the Police Department is taking to ensure that all home football games and extracurricular activities is guarded and secure. Chief Capers stated that we are working with the County as well as the City of Georgetown, Kingstree Police Department, as well as ATF, DEA, SLED and DEU to ensure that every event is secured at the highest level. He continued that before every event the police department comes up with what is called an OPS plan and it is available for viewing in the police department. Chief Capers finished by stating that they are ready at all times and plans to be proactive and not reactive.

Mr. Bobby Barrineau stood before mayor and council stating that the fire department has ran very smoothly this month so far and that this week is fire prevention week and some firefighters visited the schools and daycares teaching about the dangers of fires. Mayor Giles stated a recent situation with a helicopter trying to land on the field for an emergency and no crews could enter because the gate was locked. Mr. Stamper stated that a few select firefighters now have keys that can access the gate in case something of this nature occurs again.

***Mayor Giles asked that the agenda be amended to include Council Member Sudha Patel appearing before Mayor and Council*.**

Sudha Patel stated that not only is this month Breast Cancer Awareness month but it is also Domestic Violence Awareness month. Ms. Patel continued that she is organizing an event for the Town and she is hoping everyone will come out to participate. Mrs. Patel stated that the event will take place on October 25th from 9:30am-12:30pm, and that various supporters from Sheriff Lane Cribb, Family Justice Center, the Andrews Police Department, as well as many others are expected. Ms. Patel stated that the walk will begin at Town Hall and proceed south towards TD Bank where everyone will walk back and meet up at the Church of God for a program where lunch will be served. After lunch there will be stories

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of empowerment from survivors and the event will end with awards and recognitions.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles asked how soon Jimmy Law from Professional Wells can come forth to give council a more detail explanation of the wells. Mrs. Dorsey stated that he could not be there tonight but hopefully soon he can he meet with council.

Mayor Giles stated that he would like to schedule a budget meeting in the month of November just to see where the town is and get up to date. Members of council agreed that November 5th at 1:00pm will be the selected date and time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Anderson thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, Office Staff, and Public Works for a job well done in regards to the 105th Anniversary Celebration. She thanked everyone for coming and a special thanks to Councilwomen Patel for a job well done in the time frame that was given.

Executive Session

Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Anderson made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Legal Matters, Contractual Matters, and Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Eddie Lee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Angela Anderson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mattie McGee.

Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to pay the fee of \$3000.00 in regards to the Lawsuit as previously discussed. The motion was seconded by Council member David Tisdale. McGee-Yes, Lee-Yes, Patel-Yes, Greene-Yes, Tisdale-Yes, Anderson-Yes, and Mayor Giles-Yes.

Mr. Ronnie Goodman appeared before Council in regards to bringing more revenue and events to the town. Mr. Goodman continued that he has been in the industry for a number of years and has traveled the world and he would just like to bring some opportunity as well as revenue to the town. He continued that he would like to hold concerts and events that will generate revenue as well as tourism to the area.

Adjournment

Council Member Mattie McGee made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene.

Council Minutes submitted by Keeya Cumbee