

TOWN OF ANDREWS
MONTHLY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING via YouTube/Facebook Live
101 NORTH MORGAN AVE.
ANDREWS, SC 29510
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

DUE TO CoVID19 (CORONAVIRUS) AND IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES, THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE PHYSICALLY UNAVAILABLE TO ATTENDEES. THE MEETING WILL BE BROADCASTED FROM THE TOWN OF ANDREWS YOUTUBE PAGE AND THE NEW TOWN OF ANDREWS FACEBOOK PAGE. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN'S EMAIL AT TOWNHALL@TOWNOFANDREWS.SC.GOV BY 4PM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH.

AMENDED AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020**
- 6. MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 7. FINANCIAL REPORT: KENNETH COBB AND COMPANY; MRS. BRENDA JACKSON, CPA**
- 8. COUNCIL'S REPORTS**
- 9. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (A)**
Town Council may take action during the evening Town Council meeting on matters Discussed in Executive Session.
 - **Police Department Personnel matters: S.C. Code. §30-4-70 (a) (1)**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

**Monthly Town Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, November 19, 2020 6:00 p.m.
101 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC**

Mayor McClary stated that due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the implementation of social distancing measures; the physical meeting is closed to the public. The meeting is being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Emergency Operations Center page.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2020. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Amy Flagler
Council Member Eddie Lee
Council Member James E. Altman
Council Member Robert Stamper

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member James Altman to approve the minutes from the Thursday, October 15, 2020 Town Council Meeting. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; 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 Budgeted versus Actual Revenues and Expenditures Financial Report for the Town of Andrews for the month ending October 31, 2020.

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince made reference to the policy and procedures manual for Town Council Members that outline their duties. He stated that Town Council has the responsibility of approving all annual operating budgets and any capital project budgets; however, that is contradictory to what they were told in September of 2020. It was explained to them that Town Council was not responsible for approving the expenditures for the Police and Fire Department Complex. Mayor McClary in response explained that the three million dollars in funding received from Georgetown County was raised by a 1% sales tax referendum capital sales project of Georgetown County, therefore it's not included in the Town of Andrews Annual Operating Budget. Attorney Carter explained that once Town Council has approved a project that means all relevant expenses is also approved thus granting the Town Administration full authority to execute the project and its related expenditures.

Mayor Pro Tem also requested an update on the request submitted to Georgetown County for an additional 2.7 million dollars to complete the project. Mayor McClary stated that they are still awaiting a response from the County. He also asked Mayor McClary why didn't the Town seek to secure the additional funds needed to complete the project before entering into a construction contract. In response Mayor McClary stated that we have employees working in an unsafe building with many health hazards therefore the Town is obligated to provide a safe working environment for its employees. He stressed that the 2.7 million dollars is owed to the Town of Andrews as outlined in the state statute governing the capital sales tax projects funded through a referendum. Mayor Pro Tem asked Mayor McClary if this case goes to court and the Town loses, where will the funding come from to cover the 5.7 million dollar signed contract with GMK Construction Associates. Mayor McClary stated that he's not worried and is sure that the Town will receive the money it's owed. Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey stated that the Town was told by the County to move forward with the construction contract in order for the referendum to be executed. In addition, Mayor Pro Tem made reference to a letter that was provided by the Mayor concerning a similar case which received a favorable response from the Attorney General's Office. He asked why doesn't the Town submit a letter to that office inquiring about the specifics of the case at hand. In response Mayor McClary stated that has already been executed.

Council Member James Altman raised the question concerning rather is there a contingency construction plan with GMK Construction Associates to move forward with constructing a building with only 3 million dollars if the Town doesn't receive any additional funding? Attorney Carter interjected and informed Town Council that discussing contracts and contractual matters are items that need to be discussed in Executive Session. Mayor McClary said they are looking at different sources but his primary source is the funding that was approved by the people in the 2014 Capital Sales tax referendum.

Council Member Rob Stamper asked if someone from the front office can call other municipalities and find out if they offer any relief or assistance to citizens with the cost of installing a second meter for irrigational purposes. He also asked if there was any feedback on a previous request for a meter installation to be placed at the sewer connector between the County and the Town to ensure the accuracy of the monthly billing received from the County. He requested that Mr. Rivers and the public works department put in a work order to have the road paved in front of TD Bank. Lastly, he wanted an update on the Town ability to purchase a SCADA system that could be helpful to the Town minimizing

its water loss. He thanked the individuals from the community who assisted with the decorations for Halloween and for Memorial Day along Main Street. Mayor McClary stated that all fees charged for services are codified in the Town Ordinances and are applied to all customers. The meter device at the sewer connection is a necessary unbudgeted item for the Town but it is not the top priority item at this time. The SCADA System is a part of the USDA Loan that the Town has already applied for. Mr. Porter is currently supervising road repairs in town and South Morgan Avenue is listed as an area needing repairs. The Town is still seeking quotes for two temporary metal buildings, one for the Fire Department and another for the Public Works Department.

Council Member James Altman asked if Georgetown County responded to the FOIA request sent by the Town of Andrews regarding the One Percent Sales Tax Referendum. Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey in response stated that the County did respond and as a result they were able to draft a letter requesting a meeting between Attorney Carter, Georgetown County's Administrator and the County's attorney. There after the Town was able to obtain information on how, when and to whom the County allocated funding to from the referendum, which laid the ground work for proving that statutory laws were not followed through that process.

Council Member Amy Flagler thanked everyone for the support expressed to her family during their time of bereavement and she solicited prayers for her family.

Council Member Angela Anderson announced that Helping Hands of Andrews is moving to their new location at Andrews Church of God.

Council Member Eddie Lee informed Town Council that he met with Harold West of the Department of Public Safety and provided them with a list of ditches which have already been dug up. He also placed a work order with the Department of Transportation for Redwood Street which is classified as a compromised road. He also provided Mayor McClary with additional maps of storm drains, and catch basins in the Town of Andrews.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary stated that the Town of Andrews will hold its first Jury trial in January 2021. The tentative location for this trial is the Andrews High School Auxiliary gym. The Blood Connection Community Blood Center Mobile unit will hold a Blood Drive here at Town Hall on Tuesday, November 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Thantex Corporation has completed the planning and permitting process to construct the new water outfall for the Town of Andrews. This project will require the Town to obtain easements from various citizens. A New Deli and Bakery will soon be coming to town at the corner of Farr Avenue and Main Street. A new convenience store will also be opening soon and it will be located in the plaza next to Radio Shack. Mayor McClary thanked the owners of the Old Rowell Hardware Store for their efforts to help beautify Main Street by demolishing the dilapidated building from that site. The Town is currently reviewing its capability to provide trash and water services to residents of Deer Wood Estates.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to enter into an executive session pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (A) to discuss Police Department Personnel matters. S.C. Code. §30-4-70 (a) (1).

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee Prince to come out of executive session. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

There were no decisions made during the executive session.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Council Member Rob Stamper and seconded by Council Member James Altman to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.