

TOWN OF ANDREWS SPECIAL MEETING

COURT ROOM
101 NORTH MORGAN AVE.
ANDREWS, SC 29510
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012 @ 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

- 1) INVOCATION
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) ROLL CALL
- 4) EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL MATTERS)
- 5) ADJOURN

MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council


From: Roland Windham, Interim Administrator

Subject: Request for reimbursement

Date: November 13, 2012

This is a convoluted story and I will try to articulate it on paper as best as I can.

Recently I received a call from a neighbor of Mr. Charles Cribb who lives at 1032 South Beech Street. The neighbor was calling in regard to having to pay Mr. Cribb for the rental of equipment to install waste water collection lines to Mr. Cribb's house which was done some time ago. This made absolutely no sense to me so I started doing research.

It appears that when Mr. Bruce Schrider (sic?) was over the Public Works department for the Town of Andrews some equipment had to be rented to install the waste water lines to Mr. Cribb's house. Evidently Mr. Schrider told Mr. Cribb that the Town would not reimburse him for the equipment rental but he (Mr. Cribb) could collect it from home owners who would eventually build down the street from him. Of course I can find no written documentation regarding this conversation.

Now two houses have been built below Mr. Cribb and he is trying to collect money from the home owners to pay for the rental equipment. I have told one home owner that they did not have to pay Mr. Cribb. The Town had no authority to tell Mr. Cribb he could collect the money from future users of the line. My understanding is Mr. Cribb collected \$400 from one home owner and was trying to get \$250 from another. Mr. Cribb did tell me he returned the \$400 check and the other \$250 was not paid as I understand it.

The bottom line is I don't think the Town had the authority to tell Mr. Cribb to collect the money from future home builders on his street. Nor do I think the Town owes Mr. Cribb the money he incurred for the rental equipment. That cost should have been encumbered by Mr. Cribb as a cost of getting sewer to his house. In other words, it appears to me that no one has any obligation to pay for the rental equipment but Mr. Cribb. But if the Town told Mr. Cribb to collect from his neighbors then that was at best a piece of severely misguided advice. So does the Town share in some responsibility or not? That is the question Council needs to decide the answer to.