

TOWN OF ANDREWS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT SUB-STATION COURT ROOM

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.

ANDREWS, SC 29510

FEBRUARY 16 @ 6:15PM

PUBLIC HEARING @ 6:00PM

AGENDA

- 1) **INVOCATION**
- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) **ROLL CALL**
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5) **MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FYI ONLY**
- 6) **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES ONLY**
- 7) **APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – ACCOUNTANT WANDA CHARPING, CPA**
- 8) **APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – BEN COHEN / EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**
- 9) **NEW BUSINESS**
- 10) **HVAC UNIT IN POLICE DEPARTMENT**
- 11) **OLD BUSINESS**
- 12) **JET VAC REPAIRS**
- 13) **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 14) **COUNCIL REPORT**
- 15) **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**
- 16) **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 17) **ADJOURNMENT**

Public Hearing

February 16, 2012, 6pm

Subject: Needs Assessment Hearing

As, required by law, the Town of Andrews is required to hold a Needs Assessment Hearing when applying for Community Development Block Grants. The funding cycle for CDBG funds is now entering a new cycle and in order for the Town to be eligible for another round of funding this hearing must be held. This funding requires the input from the community as to the needs that the see would be beneficial to the community as a whole from CDBG funding.

This is the first step of the process which is to hold a Needs Assessment Hearing to hear the opinions of the citizens of the community as to how the money should be spent. The money from this cycle will become available mid April and everyone will submit their application by April 16, 2012.

Jessie Walker from Regional Council of Government conducted the Needs Assessment Hearing. She will document the needs addressed hear tonight at this hearing and complete the application for the Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Altman voiced their concern of a water leak on Park and Elmwood that has been an ongoing problem for an extensive period of time. He also is concerned that if there is a fire in his community that there may be a problem with little or no water pressure due to the water leak in relation to the water hydrant at this particular location. Mr. Winston would like to see some of the CDBG funding used to fix this problem in his community. He also voiced his concern with cars speeding down their street to beat the train across the tracks and he would like to see the Town Police patrol this area a little more frequently.

Mayor Giles stated that once before they targeted a certain area of the Town where low to moderate income housing was in need of repairs and remodeling. He stated that council may want to consider looking at this type of assistance in a different area of the Town.

Ms. Sudah Patel voiced her concern about using some of the CDBG grant funding to revitalize the historical part of down town making the Town more inviting to all

visitors. She also stated that she would like to see Central Park the area along Martin Luther King Drive completed or fully designed.

Council Ackerman stated that he would like to see the continuation of the Town up keeping and uplifting the water and sewer infrastructure of our Town.

Ms. Walker stated that based from the hearing tonight she will list the following as the basic needs for the Town of Andrews:

- Street and Road improvements
- Revitalization
- Housing dealing mainly with the elderly
- Water and Sewer upgrades
- Infrastructural

The next step will be the Application Public Hearing will be scheduled for March 15, 2012.

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Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

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 Mattie McGee
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 January 19, 2012 Council Meeting. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Alford-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

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Altman appeared before council to voice their concern of a water leak on Park and Elmwood that has been an ongoing problem for an extensive period of time. They also is concerned that if there is a fire in his

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community that there may be a problem with little or no water pressure due to the water leak in relation to the water hydrant at this particular location.

Appearing Before Council

Mayor Giles stated that Ms. Wanda Charping, CPA, Accountant for the Town of Andrews was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Mr. Windham stated that Mrs. Charping informed him last week that she would be here tonight and that she would also be present at the budget meeting on next Saturday, morning.

Mr. Ben Cohen from Eagle Scout 329 appeared before Mayor and Council to introduce his Memorial Park Project named Operation Enduring Freedom Memorial. His project consist of constructing a 20 feet stepping stone walk way up to a Memorial Plaque which will contain the 49 names of our local men and women who served in operation Enduring Freedom. The memorial will be located in the median on Martin Luther King Hwy and South Farr Avenue. He is currently seeking \$200.00 to help complete the funding for his project. Mayor Giles requested that he puts his request in writing and present it to Council and they will provide him with the \$200.00 to complete his project.

New Business

Mr. Windham stated that the HVAC unit in the Police Department is not working. He stated that they have obtained several quotes. One quote was for repairs in the amount of \$1250 but it is not going to solve our problem with this unit for an extended period of time. He recommended that we purchase a new unit from R.C. Jacobs, Inc in the amount of \$8950.00. He noted that we did receive quotes lower than this on a new unit but they were smaller size units. Both R.C. Jacobs and Chilly-Pepper Heating & Cooling, Inc. provided quotes on this particular unit. Chilly-Pepper's bid was \$9260.00.

In talking with one of the companies that supplied a quote, they indicated we have severe structural problems in the attic of this building. At our budget meeting on February 25, 12 we need to discuss in-depth our building issues and start developing a five year Capital Improvement Plan.

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Mr. Ackerman questioned the status of our insurance claims for hail damage and Mr. Windham stated that he is in contact with the adjuster at least once a week. We are still waiting on one quote for the armory because of the specialized roof that is on that building. He stated that the roof on the maintenance shed is completely gone. Mayor Giles stated that we will defer any decisions in relation to these items until Ms. Charping is present to provide us with cash flow status at the upcoming budget workshop. The motion was made by Council Member McGee to defer this discussion until February 25, 2012 budget meeting and it was seconded by Council Member Ackerman. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Windham stated that the warranty on repairing Jet Vac System parts would be for 90 days and for purchasing new parts the warranty would be for 1 year. Mr. Windham stated that the cost for a rebuilt pump would be \$3000.00 and to purchase a new pump would be \$9000.00. Council Member Ackerman made the motion to defer this discussion until February 25, 2012 budget meeting and it was seconded by Council Member Anderson. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Alford-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Ackerman questioned that if everything is done on the Jones Ave building. Mr. Windham stated that they need to talk with Mr. Sanderson to find out if there is a lien against the property.

Council Member Anderson stated for the record that the budget/council meeting schedule for 8:30 am on Saturday, February 25, 2012 will need to be titled correctly so that they will be able to vote on items. Mr. Windham stated that the meeting will need to be advertized, also.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Windham stated that we have finally secured the dredge from Berkley Water and Sewer and they will pick it up on Tuesday. This will be used to pump the slug

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out of the lagoon into the GEO tubes. This will be the cheapest method to clean up the sludge. This method will require several things:

1. We will have to get an electrical supply to the lagoon to power the pump at the lagoon. We hope to get the electrical company to grant us a temporary light pole for this project.
2. We will have to purchase a hose to pump the sludge into the GEO tube the hose will cost approximately \$550.00.

Mr. Windham informed Mayor and Council that Georgetown has approved the resolution that was passed at the last council meeting showing that the school property and the property where the apartments are going to be built has legally been annexed into the Town. The Building permit has been issued to Mr. Melton.

Mr. Windham stated that the Nature Conservancy has contacted him about the acreage we have for sale they are still interested in the property if we can obtain an easement to it. He stated that he has spoken to an attorney who feels certain that we could obtain an easement by description.

Council Report

Council Member Thomas Alford reported that the Veteran's Day Committee and the Lions Club will put the flags up at 5pm on Saturday along Main Street to celebrate President's Day.

Council Member Greene asked all Council Members to think about what they want to do with the recreation grant but keep in mind that all equipment must be bolted down.

Department Heads Report

There were no department head reports for this meeting.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles said that he has the names of some interested parties in the land that the Town has for sale and he mentioned that the listing contract has expired and he will discuss with council at the budget meeting on Saturday an extension agreement. He confirmed that the Georgetown Airport will be the meeting place for the budget workshop on Saturday from 8:30am to 4:00 pm. George Miller will cater both breakfast and lunch.

Adjournment

Council Member Thomas Alford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm and was seconded by Council Member Sid Ackerman.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson.