

Town of Andrews

**Andrews Town Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, January 20, 2022 6:00 p.m.
101 N Morgan Avenue Andrews, SC 29510**

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 Public Hearing and Town Council meeting are being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Facebook page.

The Town of Andrews met for its Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

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

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Amy Flagler
Council Member Eddie Lee
Council Member Rob Stamper
Council Member James Altman

Mayor McClary congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Town Council members to the Andrews Town Council; Robert Ulrich, Angela Anderson and Eddie Lee.

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to approve the Thursday, December 16, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, motion carried.**

Monthly Bank Statements

The monthly financial statements were included in the Council's packet for informational purposes only.

Financial Report

Brenda Jackson, CPA for the Town of Andrews presented Town Council members with a review of the Town of Andrews Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual for the six months ended December 31, 2021.

Old Business

Motion was made by Mayor Frank McClary and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to approve Coast RTA's proposal to establish a limited time no parking zone at its proposed bus stop located at North Morgan Avenue and West Ashland Avenue based on its pick-up and drop off schedule. Town Council will recommend to Coast RTA that the limited time no parking zone be established on West Ashland Avenue. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

New Business

2022 Mayor Pro Tem Election: Members of the Andrews Town Council casted their sealed ballots with the Town Clerk Chaconas Parson prior to the meeting. The sealed ballots were kept and secured by the Town Clerk. The sealed ballots were opened during the meeting by Mayor Frank McClary and the votes were tallied and the results were as follows: four votes for Council Member Eddie Lee and three votes for Council Member James Altman. Council Member Eddie Lee was elected to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem for the Andrews Town Council for the next two years.

Planning Commission Appointee Recommendation: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper to accept Council Member Amy Flagler's recommendation to appoint Charlean Chandler to the Town of Andrews Planning Commission. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

First Reading ordinance No. 2022-01: Rezoning Ordinance. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2201-01 an ordinance to rezone 8.8 acres located at 1005 West Main Street known as TMS 06-0002-005-00-00, from LI, Limited Industrial to GC, General Commercial District, and to amend the official zoning map of the Town of Andrews to so reflect provided that the property owner(s) agree to the following provisions:

Section 1. Conditional Use

Cemetery, provided that such use (a) consists of at least (5) acres, (b) has a ten (10) foot planted buffer strip around its entire perimeter which is kept free of any use except access, (c) includes no crematorium or dwelling unit other than a caretaker, (d) has a front yard setback of at least seventy (70) feet from the centerline of abutting public streets or ten (10) feet from public street right-of-way lines, whichever is further, and (e) maintains a nonilluminated sign no greater than thirty (30) square feet in area and ten (10) feet in height. **(TOA Code 601.35) Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member**

Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.

Resolution No. 2022-01: Support of the Black River Park Initiative: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve Resolution No. 2201-01 titled Support of the Black River Park Initiative. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

There was one citizen comment post online that referenced animal control. In response, Mayor McClary stated that the Town has no current resolution for animal control. It will cost the Town \$75,000.00 annually to engage in a contract with St. Francis Animal Society to manage/provide animal control services. Thus, the Town's annual operating budget doesn't support the expense for animal control. In the mean time the Town of Andrews Code Enforcer is working diligently to identify loose animals and their owners. Upon being identified the owners will be cited and imposed with a fine for noncompliance of The Town's ordinance governing animal control. The ultimate goal of the Town is to minimize the problem as much as possible.

Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator provided an update on the Town's current RIA project. The project is currently in review status. The next step is to provide the Rural Infrastructural Authority with an informative progress report regarding the completion date of the project. Thereafter, it will be determined if a grant extension will be required. A complaint has been documented from a citizen who has stated that a ditch has been closed off and as a result her property has been experiencing flood damage. The Town has taken immediate steps review and to resolve the issue.

An update on the Town's current CDBG project was also provided. The Town will be sending the project manager a couple of responses with regards to LMI and Non-LMI properties and how to proceed with some of those locations. The Town also will be reviewing various types of water hydrants and providing feedback to the engineers on how to proceed.

Council Reports

Council Member Rob Stamper reminded everyone to be vigilant during the upcoming winter storm predicted for this area. He also stressed the importance of the Town's first responders and employees being prepared and having the necessary emergency equipment readily available in case of an emergency. He stated that citizens have made inquiries to him as to why several of the Town's vehicles have been parked at a business on Main Street for a period of time. Lastly, he raised concerns with the camper trailer located on Hickory Street being utilized as a residence. Mayor McClary in response stated that CNK Marine Auto Repair, a new business located on Main Street has been repairing the Town's vehicles and they are doing a great job. The owner of the camper on Hickory Street was recently cited and will continue to be cited until they are in compliance with the Town's Codes. He added that there is possibly a DHEC issue ongoing at the same location.

Council Member Amy Flagler inquired about the low water pressure residents have been experiencing along North Beech Avenue. Mayor McClary stated that there was a problem that affected the water pressure along Beech Avenue, however, repairs were made on yesterday. The public works employees will be reassessing the issue tomorrow morning. She inquired about the repair status of the water leak located at North Cedar and West Oakland Avenue. Mayor McClary stated that staff will follow up on the status of the repairs.

Council Member James Altman inquired about the construction ongoing at the location of the old Seafood Shack and the old gas station next door. It was stated that this will be the new location for Subway and the gas station is being remodeled and will reopen as a gas station/convenient store.

Council Member Angela Anderson voiced her concerns about the new complex building. She also inquired about status of road repairs along Elmwood Avenue. Mayor McClary stated that the road repairs are under the jurisdiction of SCDOT and unfortunately the town has not been included in the decision-making process of prioritizing road repairs. The Town is expected to contact SCDOT and to request that the Town have some involvement in this process moving forward. This will provide the opportunity to the public works department to be counterproductive and make any needed repairs before the roads are paved.

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that he assisted citizens throughout the month with receiving trash carts, placing work orders for leak repairs and he picked up debris from various areas of the Town. He personally took time to notify and to inform citizens of the upcoming Beech Avenue Water System Improvement Project. Lastly, he recognized Mayor McClary for an outstanding job leading the Town.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Frank McClary thanked the members of the Andrews Town Council for an excellent job of informing citizens of critical issues concerning the Town. An overview of important weather preparedness guidelines was reviewed as a means to help citizens prepare for the winter storm predicted to impact this area. He urged citizens to contact Town Hall and provide the names of elderly individuals who live alone and may be limited in their capacity to properly protect themselves during extreme weather conditions, so that law enforcement can perform safety checks. The Town of Andrews EOC will be active at Town Hall until the predicted storm passes through the Town. Members of the Andrews Police Department and Fire Department will be actively on duty to address any emergencies that may arise during the winter storm. The Andrews Police Department is still working with SCDOT to redesign a truck route for the Town to help minimize further damage to the town's infrastructure. The efforts to obtain a traffic light at the intersection of County Line Road, Seaboard Road and Martin Luther King Drive are still ongoing. Senator Yancey McGill has scheduled a meeting for the Secretary of Transportation to meet with officials at this location to discuss plans for additional traffic controls in the vicinity of this location. Citizens were requested to come forth with any personal experience of accidents or near accident experiences to assist the Town in its efforts to build a solid case for additional traffic controls at this dangerous intersection. It was announced that an Initiative Project to

Revitalize Jones Avenue is ongoing. Specific details surrounding the project will be disclosed as they become available. It was brought to the Town's attention that several contractors have been illegally tapping into water hydrants and stealing water and septic tank services illegally dumping sewer into the Town's manholes. Citizens were asked to report any suspicious activities involving contractors possibly connecting to water hydrants and obtaining water without a Town authorized meter.

The Town of Andrews have had several staff members to contract the Covid-19 virus. Therefore, business at Town Hall will continue to be conducted as is until further notice as to protect our limited staff and our citizens. All town employees are required to wear face mask Appointments can be made to see staff members on an as needed basis. Georgetown County received census data in late September of 2021 that allowed it to begin the process of redistricting. The county contracted with the state office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) to guide it through the redistricting process and create draft maps of the new Council districts for Council's consideration. The Town of Andrews was not informed nor were Town Officials invited to any of the meetings to discuss the topic of redistricting. The Town has two representatives who represent our voting citizens in districts three and five. Mayor McClary stated that he and Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee recently attended a public meeting held by the Georgetown Council, at which he expressed his disappointment in the lack of communication to the Town of Andrews as it pertains to this major impact on our citizens and their fair representation. He added that public hearings were held all over the county but none were held in Andrews. Lastly, it was announced that the Town is scheduled to go to court on Monday, January 24, 2021 for a judgment and to present the Town's case on the New Municipal Complex before the judge.

Motion was made by Council Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.