

Town of Andrews

**Monthly Town Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, September 16, 2021 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 Facebook messenger page.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021. 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 Eddie Lee
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 Rob Stamper

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince to approve the Thursday, August 19, 2021 Town Council Meeting Mayor **Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, motion carried.**

Monthly Bank Statements

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

Financial Report

Town Clerk Chaconas Parson presented Town Council members with a review of the Town of Andrews Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the two months ended August 31, 2021.

Citizens' Comment

There were no citizen comments online.

New Business

First Reading Ordinance Number 2021-05: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to approve the First Reading of Ordinance Number 2021-05 an ordinance to adopt a revised Business License Ordinance in accordance with the Business License Standardization Act (2020 Act No.176). **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, motion carried.**

Administrator's Report

The citizens of Andrews will be able to patronize a Chic Fila Food Truck at least once a week, beginning the first week of November 2021. The presence of the food truck could increase to twice a week dependent upon the flow of business. The Town is moving forward with its USDA and RIA 19 Grants and the reporting requirements. There are some follow up items that are due by the end of this month regarding the RIA Infrastructural project. The engineer with Keck and Wood is currently preparing a report to present to the contractor of the Israel Avenue and Piney Crest Baptist Church Pump Station Upgrades project to address some issues and concerns with the project, which is progressing as contracted. The town's public safety officer has been addressing business owners who are delinquent with renewing their business licenses. She will continue to address those issues along with other safety issues. Town Council will be kept informed of her progress. The Andrews Heritage Festival is scheduled to be held on October 29th and 30th at the Andrews Recreational Center site. The registration site is now open. Interested parties and vendors can register at andrewsheritagefestival.com.

Council Reports

Council Member Amy Flagler stated that she did not have a report. However, she solicited prayers for the Andrews community, our local schools and the family of the late Adrian Pressley, a school teacher in the Georgetown County School District. She voiced concerns about the Town following the law when addressing business owners who are delinquent with renewing their business license, to ensure that there are no potential law suits, thereafter. Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey explained to everyone that the Town sent out initial business license renewal notice to all businesses in March of 2021 and a second courtesy reminder in August 2021 to those businesses who were in violation of the Town's Business License Ordinance 2019-05. She further elaborated that it is the responsibility of business owners to contact, inform and provide the appropriate documentations of its income tax filing status if the company has filed or anticipates filing for an extension. This has always been a requirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley solicited prayers for the family of Thomas Rivers. He voiced his concerns about reports of sewer on the ground at the site of the Pine Street Lift Station. Mayor McClary stated that there was a break in an eight-inch sewer line at that location which has been repaired.

Council Member Angela Anderson addressed the status of the Public Works Director's position. There are two top positions to be filled within the department. The first position has been filled with a

gentleman who has the skill set and experience to help keep the department functioning efficiently and effectively. Mayor McClary stated that the director's position will be advertised next week. It was stated that this department has faced many challenges. Four of its employees have contracted Covid-19 and two employees are currently restricted to light duty. Ms. Anderson solicited financial support for Helping Hands of Andrews.

Council Member Rob Stamper recognized two public works employees, Ketrick Porter and Corey Scott for their outstanding work ethics and representing the Town well in the work field. October is National Fire Prevention Month. The AFD will be visiting schools and daycares to educate and increase knowledge about fire safety practices. He asked Mayor McClary to elaborate on the feasibility of the Town contracting out for repairs to sewer and water mains or would it be to the Town's advantage to make such repairs in-house. In response, Mayor McClary stated that it is very costly to hire contractors to make repairs. However, with the current challenges with personnel within the Public Works department that route had to be taken. In the future it is the goal for the department to hire and retain adequate personnel who possess the skill set to perform that level of work. The trash truck is currently experiencing some mechanical difficulties which have resulted in the delay of trash collection. The truck is scheduled for upcoming maintenance. The Town Clerk informed Town Council members that the paper work has been filed with the S.C. Retirement System to update their retirement accounts and the process is ongoing.

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that he has been instrumental with assisting a citizen with submitting a work order for a water tap on West Gapway Road. He has cut down grass and weeds to clear the viability at North Poplar and Oakland Street. He made contact with Timmy Britt and requested a roadside barrier to be placed along North Magnolia Avenue. In addition, he has worked on having several street signs replaced. He continues to submit drawings of the Town infrastructure to the DOT.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Frank McClary announced that he will host a brief ceremony on tomorrow in honor of National POW Recognition Day. The ceremony will take place on the Town's Lawn at 11:00 a.m. The United States flag at Town Hall will be replaced with the POW Flag for one day. The Andrews High School Home Coming Parade will be held on Friday, October 1st. The Andrews Heritage Festival and Halloween Block Fest will be held on the same weekend, October 29th and 30th. The Local Veteran Association will coordinate and host the Veteran's Day Parade on November 13th. The Town of Andrews Christmas Parade will be held on the first or second Sunday in December. The Town's Code Enforcer and Safety Officer will be addressing safety issues and ensuring that business owners are operating within the Town's Code of Ordinances. Chief William Zurcher, Major James Barr and Lieutenant Hughes will be reviewing and addressing the truck route regulations for the Town.

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.