

Town of Andrews

**Andrews Town Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, April 21, 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, April 21, 2022. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Eddie Lee
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Amy Flagler
Council Member Robert Stamper
Council Member James Altman

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the Thursday, March 17, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; 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 nine months ended March 31, 2022.

Old Business

Coast RTA Parking Request: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler to approve Coast RTA Parking Request to designate a No Parking Zone at its bus stop located in front of the Andrews Library on North Morgan Avenue. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

There was no citizen comments post online.

Administrator's Report

The Town Administrator introduced Ms. Holly Owens of Earth Design a landscape architecture design firm. Ms. Owens will be working with Tripp Muldrow and Arnett Muldrow who are professional design planners. These individuals will be preparing and presenting a visionary plan for the Town of Andrews next month. The plan will entail an economic development study that will give consideration to a street scape plan for Main Street. The main object will be to design a plan for the Town that will support the Town in developing its infrastructure geared towards to providing jobs for current and future industries choosing to locate in the area mainly due to potential economic growth and the development of the new state park. The ultimate goal is to develop a new look for the Town and to give the Town a unique identity. These efforts will help the Town to capitalize from and to connect with the new state park initiative and the Black River Conservation project. In addition, the development of this plan will place the Town in a position to apply for federal and state grants that the Town would otherwise not be in position to qualify for. Ultimately, the community will play a vital part in the developing of this plan, through community meetings to provide a broad scope of input and ideas. Ms. Dorsey recognized a social media group known as "Main Street Andrews" the group that is responsible for helping to beautify Main Street. The group can be contacted through their established Facebook page. They group has previously and continues to display fall and Christmas décor along Main Street. Special thanks were extended to Gail Tanner, Janice Young and to Carla McKenzie just to name a few, for their roles helping to beautify the Town and for taking a vested interest in this project. Special thanks were also extended to Lee's Sign for the beautiful artwork displayed on several buildings along Main Street. Tiffany Harrison the new Economic Developer for Georgetown County recently visited the Town of Andrews and expressed interest in ensuring that the Town of Andrews is seen and not overlooked as it has been in the past from by position she now holds. SC DHEC recently administered its annual sewer sanitary survey of the Town's system; the results should be finalized and released by the end of the month. Ms. Dorsey thanked the public works staff for ensuring that this process went well. An encroachment application has been submitted to the DOT for the Beech Avenue waterline replacement project. Once the application has been approved by DOT construction will begin on that project. The Town has partnered with Williamsburg County in applying for an air purification grant which could provide funds to purchase air boxes.

Council Report's

Council Member Robert Stamper: He reported that he was contacted by citizens who have concerns with animal cruelty and loud music within the Town Limits. He requested that the APD increase patrol in the

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vicinity of the Andrews Library and Andrews Tire Service. He also recommended that the Town consider adopting an ordinance govern animal roaming free and causing harm. He stated that he has noticed that some of the public work's vehicles have sustained body damaged and he wanted to know if employees are held accountable for any damage sustained from their performance. He also inquired about the status of the APD cars being fully outfitted so that the AFD can begin parking a fire engine back at Town Hall. In response, Mayor McClary stated that the APD has not completed outfitting all of its vehicles but once that task is completed the AFD will be informed and can move forward with the said parking arrangements. Lastly, he stated that the AFD has applied for a state grant for volunteer fire departments and the AFD has been approved to receive \$29,653.50. The funds are to be used to purchased fire fighting equipment. The department plans to purchase five-inch supply hose for its newest engine, face masks with communication capability and auto extrication equipment.

Council Member James Altman requested that the APD and APW provide Town Council members with a monthly report summarizing the departments actively each month. Proving Council members with this to citizens who inquire about the on the job performance of town employees. Mayor McClary stated that the employees in these departments are working very hard to maintain a safe and good quality of life and to provide excellent customer service to the citizens of Andrews.

Council Member Amy Flagler stated that a resident at 120 West Elmwood made contact with her and stated that he placed a work order with Town Hall to receive a trash car, as of today he has not received a cart. She requested an inquiry be made inference to the request. She further stated that a member of the AFD requested that she check into the status of the AFD receiving a new service truck. In response Mayor McClary stated that he will follow up with the front office staff regarding the work order for the trash cart and he will be awaiting additional information regarding the request from the AFD regarding the need for a new service truck.

Council Member Angela Anderson stated that she has been contacted by citizens who want to know the status of the new Town hall. Mayor McClary reminded her that this is an ongoing legal matter and has been for several months therefore he cannot disclose any information at this time as it pertains to the laws suit with the county. All construction has come to a halt until the judge makes a ruling in the case. Secondly, she inquired about a reopening date for Town hall. Mayor McClary stated that Town hall is expected to reopen its doors to the public on July 1, 2022. Lastly, she asked if there has been any update on receiving additional traffic controls at the intersections of MLK Drive County Line Road and Seaboard Road. In response, Mayor McClary stated that he has no new updates at this time but he encouraged all concern individuals to make contact with our state representatives and express the urgency for attention to this serious matter.

Council Member James Altman thanked Mayor McClary for his support getting the public works staff to address the list of water leaks that he forwarded to him by text message. He also thanked both the APD and Public Works departments for providing the monthly activity report for each department. He stated that he will make contact with the SC Highway Patrol Office and seek their assistance with requesting additional traffic controls for the intersection of MLK Drive, Sea Board Rd and County Line Road.

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Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee stated that the compromised roadway at Trinity Church and Hwy 521 West which he reported last month to DOT has since been repaired, He also submitted completed infrastructural drawing from Main Street to the railroad bed park to assist first responders when dispatched to emergency calls. He highlighted section 18.108 of the Town Code of Ordinances governing blocking of streets by trains. The person in control of a railroad train at an intersection with a street shall stop for no longer than five (5) consecutive minutes. At no time shall trains block more than two (2) crossings at a time, unless the train is in motion. It shall be unlawful to run an engine on any railroad within the municipality faster than twenty- five (25) miles per hour. The Mayor and Council are hereby authorized to apply directly to the South Carolina Public Service Commission for relief from conduct of any railroad within the corporate limits.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Frank McClary thanked everyone for their hard work. The Town does face challenges but progress can be seen across the Town. The Town currently has five distribution companies operating within the Town limits. He personally thanked the Town of Andrews staff for an outstanding job considering the high-level work load, limited staff members and limited supplies. He extended a warm welcome to David Lambert and Veronica Brown to Team Andrews. He highlighted two new distribution business to the Town; located at White Welding location and the Old Oneita Knitting Mill. Conversation is ongoing with the St. Francis Animal Shelter to provide animal control services for the Town.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to enter into an Executive Session to pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (A)

- A.** In Accordance with section 30-4-70 (a)(2) Discussion of proposed Contractual agreement:
Municipal Judge

Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Monthly meeting. Mayor Frank McClary stated that no decisions were made during the executive session.

Motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.