

TOWN OF ANDREWS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT SUB-STATION COURT ROOM

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.

ANDREWS, SC 29510

AUGUST 18, 2011 @ 6:00PM

AGENDA

- 1) INVOCATION**
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) ROLL CALL**
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5) MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 6) CITIZENS COMMENTS (3 MINUTES ONLY)**
- 7) APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL**
 - **WANDA CHARPING, CPA, ACCOUNTANT FOR THE TOWN OF ANDREWS**
- 8) NEW BUSINESS**
 - **ANNUAL ADOPTION OF SAFETY POLICY RESOLUTION**
- 9) OLD BUSINESS**
- 10) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 11) COUNCIL'S REPORT**
- 12) DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORT**
- 13) MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 14) ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

Monthly Town Council Meeting Thursday, August 18, 2011

Sheriff's Sub-Station

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Thomas Alford.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Council Member Terrance Middleton
Council Member Patsy Greene
Council Member Sid Ackerman
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Michael Shaw
Council Member Thomas Alford
Mayor Rodney Giles

After roll call, Council Member Ackerman made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2011 Council Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Alford. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Anderson-yes, Shaw-yes, and Alford-yes and Mayor 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

Ms. Susan Chapman from Senator Lindsey Graham's office stated that she is the Outreach Director for Georgetown & Horry Counties. She wanted Mayor and Council to know that she is available to work with any needs the Town may have. She informed Mayor and Council of a workshop that she will be holding in October in Florence. She will notify them of the time when everything is finalized, but told them to get together any problems that they may need assistance with.

Pastor Regina Powell stated that she was the person that organized the "cutting town" event that happened on the previous Sunday afternoon. It started out with just a few people on face book, but ended up with close to 400 participants. She apologized for the

congested traffic, but stated again that she did not know that many people would show up for the event. She had mentioned it to the police department but never got any parade permits because she did not expect so many people. She stated that even though it was some negativity with the event, mostly due to not knowing all the guidelines, she asked Mayor and Council to consider making this an annual event or tie it on to something like the Good Old Days festival. She also asked Mayor, Council and Chief Flowers to consider some of the tickets that were written right after 5:00 pm. She stated that the time for the event was 3-5 pm and she was unaware that the police would start writing tickets after that or she would have notified everyone. Council Member Alford stated his main concern was not being able to cross Morgan Avenue and Council Member Shaw's main concern was the fact that she did not contact Town Hall to get all the approvals she needed. Pastor Powell did apologize for not contacting the Town again.

Melissa Moskow stated that she had contacted Shalane Lynch the art teacher at Andrews High and she spoke with her art club students and Principal Dr. Green about doing a project that the art class would paint murals' to put in the windows of the empty buildings on Main Street. She was asking Mayor and Council's permission before she went forward with this project. Council Member Shaw made the motion to have Melissa Moskow to go forward with the project for the art department and was seconded by Council Member Alford. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Anderson-yes, Shaw-yes, Alford-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried. She also expressed her concerns about all the tagged properties in Town that nothing is being done to. She spoke with Elizabeth at the City of Georgetown Building Department and Janet with Code Enforcement who explained to Melissa the process they use in this situation so she wanted to see if the Town would consult with the Town Attorney to change our ordinance so the Town could have these properties torn down. There was a discussion on this issue with concerns that Mr. Cox from Georgetown County Building and Zoning is not keeping the Town informed on the progress.

Anna Marie Amerson addressed Mayor and Council with extreme concerns with bath salts that are being sold in the local convenience stores. She informed everyone that they are sold under different names but is a form of cocaine or crystal meth and has side effects like not eating, not being able to sleep, seizures, being very agitated and having hallucinations. She stated her son is currently in the hospital from using the bath salts and she knows of several others that have suffered from the use of the bath salts. Her son lost close to 40lbs in a few months. Ms. Amerson pleaded to Mayor and Council to ban the sale of the bath salts. She stated she had contacted the store that her son got the drug, but the owner refused to take it off the shelf.

Council Member Middleton informed Ms. Amerson that Chief Flowers had already got together an ordinance to ban the sale of the bath salts for Council's approval tonight. Chief Flowers spoke next concerning the bath salts and stated that she has had other experiences with this and stated there is also another drug named Zanbar that is very dangerous and wanted to add it to the ordinance. She made a request to Mayor and Council to pass an emergency ordinance until the Town could have a second reading on the ordinance because she already has 15 confirmed cases. Council Member Shaw made the motion to pass the emergency ordinance with a fine of \$1000 or 30 days and adopt the first reading on the ordinance to ban the bath salts and zanbar to be sold in stores with a fine of \$1000.00 or 30 days in jail and was seconded by Council Member Middleton. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Anderson-yes, Shaw-yes, Alford-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Brian McCutcheon a resident from South Magnolia Avenue addressed Mayor and Council asking for a 5ft. variance on the set backs on his property. He stated that his wife was in a serious accident a few years ago, which resulted in a back injury. Her condition is now getting worse and they are adding a room for her on the back of his home to meet her needs with a handicap ramp. Council stated they would look into the request and let him know by next Council Meeting.

Kirk Stewart a resident from Clair Street stated that he would like to make the suggestion to Mayor and Council to put flyers out around town or send out letters concerning the issues with the bath salts.

Appearing Before Council

Wanda Charping, CPA, Accountant for the Town of Andrews was not present at this meeting.

New Business

Mayor Giles stated that the Annual Safety Policy Resolution was in their packets and asked for a motion. Council Member Shaw made the motion to adopt the Safety Policy Resolution and was seconded by Council Member Anderson. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Anderson-yes, Shaw-yes, Alford-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at this meeting.

Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Chelice Waites stated that she was contacted by the attorney for heirs of Ms. Whalie McCollough requesting a release of the conditional grant agreement from the Town. Council Member Ackerman made the motion to release the lien on the property and was seconded by Council Member Greene. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Anderson-yes, Shaw-yes, Alford-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Report

Council Member Shaw stated that he wanted to make everyone aware that they need to address all issues with the Town Hall or address any problems with the Town Council. He also stated that we needed to get a report on the lagoon and schedule our audit and move forward.

Council Member Alford wanted to know how the progress with the lagoon was going. He also stated that the Veteran Day program was making progress and that this year's keynote speaker would be Col. Frank McClary, a former Andrews resident.

Council Member Middleton spoke with the Board of Elections concerning filing as a write in candidate for Mayor. He was made aware that a write in does not have to pay the filing fees. Council Member Middleton made the motion to amend the Town's ordinance where write in candidates would have to pay the filing fees and change the policy to stop the percentage of votes to declare winner to who ever has the most votes to avoid a run off. This motion was seconded by Council Member Greene. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Anderson-yes, Shaw-yes, Alford-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Greene stated that she wanted to thank everyone for all the support for the Back to School Fest to that made it a success. Council Member Middleton praised Greene for all her hard work.

Department Head Reports

Robert Stamper stated that the fire department has assisted EMS on a lot of emergency calls so he has seen what this drug can do to someone. He praised the Town for the effort to try to control this drug.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles stated that he along with Jessie Walker and Rob Stamper completed the bid process for the new fire truck. They had to amend the number of days to complete it from 120 days to 180 days.

Council Member Middleton made the motion to go into executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss a personnel matter and was seconded by Council Member

Council Member Shaw made the motion to reconvene from executive session at 7:37 pm and was seconded by Council Member Middleton. Mayor Giles stated that no decisions were made during the executive session and announced the resignation of Administrator Chelice Waites.

Adjournment

Council Member Michael Shaw made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm and was seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Andrews Town Council recognize that the prevention of accidental losses affecting employees, property, and the public will enhance the operating efficiency of The Town of Andrews government; and

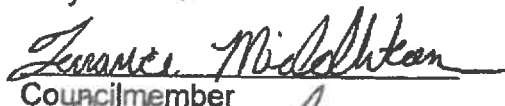
WHEREAS, a pro-active loss control posture requires that sound loss prevention measures are of primary consideration and take precedence over expediency in all operations.

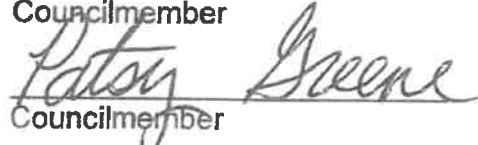
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Andrews will endeavor to provide a work environment free of recognized hazards through the establishment and implementation of loss control policies and procedures, and their subsequent amendments and additions, designed to provide protection to The Town of Andrews employees, public and private property, and members of the public.

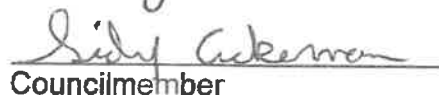
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Town of Andrews will support compliance with all Federal and State safety regulations; provide and require the use of personal protective equipment by all employees; and insure that all employees are advised of and understand their loss control responsibilities in the performance of their work.

SIGNED, SEALED AND ADOPTED BY Town Council this 18th day of August 2011.

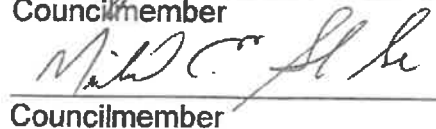

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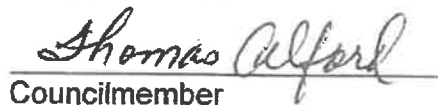

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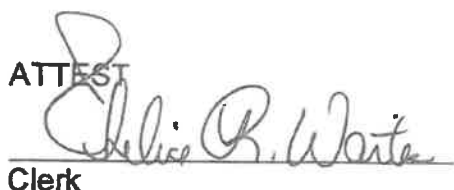

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