

Town of Andrews

Public Hearings/Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting

Thursday, June 30, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

Public Hearings

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Council of Andrews, S.C. for a Proposed Rural Utilities Service Project on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Michael Hanna of Hanna Engineering Firm stated that his firm is assisting the Town with improving its water & sewer infrastructure and he presented an overview of their current project. Hanna Engineering Firm has applied for a loan/grant through the Rural Utilities Service Development Group on behalf of the Town of Andrews. The proposed project consists of three main components: meter replacements and conducting a scan of the sewer system to identify needed repairs and implementation of a water control system. The proposed project will cost about \$2,048,000.00 of which the Town has already received a \$30,000.00 planning grant. If the application is approved the proceeds could be awarded in the forms of grants and loans. Rural Development is currently lending funds at an interest rate of 1.75% for up to a 40 year term. The hearing came to a close at 6:17 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Council of Andrews, S.C. for the FY 2016-2017 Town of Andrews Proposed Budget on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 6:17 p.m. There were no citizens' comments and the Public Hearing came to a close at 6:23 p.m.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2016. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:24p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Ms. Carolyn Adams.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Council Member David Tisdale
Council Member Eddie Lee
Council Member Sudha Patel
Council Member Terrance Middleton
Council Member Marva Session
Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr.

Motion was made by Council member Sudha Patel and second by Council member Eddie Lee to approve the minutes from the following meetings; Thursday, May 19, 2016 Town Council Meeting;

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Tuesday, May 24, 2016, Wednesday, June 1, 2016 and Monday, June 6, 2016 Special Called Council Meetings/Budget Finance Committee Workshops; Thursday, June 16, 2016 Town Hall Meeting and Thursday, June 23, 2016 Town Council Special Called Meeting as read. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, All in favor, motion carried.**

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

Financial Report

Chaconas Parson Town Clerk presented and reviewed with Council a detailed report of all revenues collected and expenditures for the month of June 2016 for the Town of Andrews.

Old Business

A second reading of Ordinance Number 2016-01 FY 2016-2017 Proposed Budget was held. Council member David Tisdale made the motion and it was second by Council member Eddie Lee to approve the second reading of ordinance Number 2016-01 FY 2016-2017 Proposed Budget for the Town of Andrews. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, All in favor, motion carried.**

Citizens Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

Administrator's Report

Mrs. Dorsey announced that the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Group is overseeing \$96 million for 22 of the state's 24 disaster and individual assistance declared counties. The organization will be hosting area town hall meetings to present its action plan and receive public feedback. The Annual Town of Andrews Back to School Bash has been officially named the Patsy R. Greene Annual Back to School Bash in honor of the Late Council member Patsy R. Greene. This event will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Andrews Recreational Center. The Town of Andrews 2015 Consumer Confidence Report has been published and the Town has no violations reported. Mrs. Dorsey recognized Ms. Yvonne Chatman an employee in the Public Works Department who has been doing an excellent job of ensuring that the Town of Andrews receive all of the revenues from water users on a monthly basis. The Town of Andrews has received a Thank You letter for its \$1,182.00 donation made to the 2016 Relay for Life Campaign.

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Mayor McClary informed the citizens that if anyone is in need of assistance as a result of the October 2015 Flooding they should call 211 to begin an application process. He also stated that an organization called Eight Days of Hope with 1,500-2,000 workers will be coming to the Tri county Area to work on 250 homes as a group effort.

Department Head Reports

Police Department: No report.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Bobby Barrineau stated that his department met for their monthly meeting on June 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Two members attended the South Carolina State Fire Marshal Conference in Myrtle Beach S.C. The department responded to 42 calls during the month of May 2016.

Public Works Department: Council member Lee stated that he has been assisting the Public Works Department for several weeks. Mr. Lee reported that within that department equipment has been severely neglected for some time. He has been instrumental in helping the department repair water leaks, in the repair of equipment and implementation of daily inspections to help establish accountability within the department. The department has also placed no dumping signs throughout the Town to help deter illegal dumping and to help with debris pick up.

Council's Report

Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr.: Council member Watford voiced his concerns with the Town's effort to increase the number of employees who has the certification to operate a backhoe. He offered the assistance of the fire fighters who has the certification to help operate the backhoe in time of need.

Council Member Sudha Patel: Council member Patel extended her condolences to the family and friends of the late Patsy R. Greene.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary informed the citizens of Andrews that the Helping Hands Organization will be increasing its presence here in the Town of Andrews to four days a week to offer utility and clothing assistance to citizens. They will be hosting an orientation here at the Andrews Library on August 18, 2018 to offer workforce development training.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Council member Sudha Patel and seconded by Council member Eddie Lee to enter into Executive Session regarding a pending Grievance Hearing for a former employee of the Police Department in accordance with S.C.Code§30-4-70-(a)(2).

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Eileen Keithly of the Georgetown Times stood in opposition to the motion made by Council member Sudha Patel to enter into Executive Session without the term "Legal Matter" referencing a Legal Matter. She further stated that the Georgetown Times also objects to council entering into Executive Session to discuss any general information pertaining to the Grievance Hearing for a former employee of the Police Department that would not be in compliance to FOIA.

Council member Sudha Patel restated her previous motion and included the terms Legal matter as follows: The motion was made by Council member Sudha Patel and second by Council member David Tisdale to enter into Executive Session for a legal matter regarding a pending Grievance Hearing for a former employee of the Police department in accordance with S.C. Code §30-4-70-(a)(2).

Council member Terrance Middleton amended the previous motion to enter into Executive Session to include that the Town's Attorney Mr. Carter will accompany Council in Executive Session and it was second by Council member Eddie Lee. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, All in favor, motion carried.**

The motion was made and second for council to enter into Executive Session accompanied by the Town's Attorney for a Legal Matter regarding a pending Grievance Hearing for a former employee of the Police Department in accordance with S.C. Code §30-4-70-(a)(2). **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, All in favor, motion carried.**

The motion was made by Council member Sudha Patel to come out of Executive Session and second by Council member Mack E. Watford, Sr.

Mayor McClary stated that they received legal advice on the proceedings of the grievance hearing. The motion was made by Council member Terrance Middleton and seconded by Council member Sudha Patel to schedule the hearing for Thursday July 28, 2016 at 1 p.m.

Council member Sudha Patel amended the motion.

Council member Sudha Patel made the motion and it was second by Council member Marva Session to schedule the grievance hearing for Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Sheriff's Department Sub-Station Courtroom and as an alternate location the Courtroom at Town Hall. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, All in favor, motion carried.**

Council Member Terrance Middleton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. and was second by Council Member Sudha Patel. ***Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson, Town Clerk.***