

## Town of Andrews

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**Public Hearings/Andrews Town Council Meeting  
In-person/Facebook Live  
Wednesday, July 27, 2022 6:00 p.m.  
110 N Morgan Avenue Andrews, SC 29510**

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The Town of Andrews met for its Monthly Town Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. 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 Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee  
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 Ulrich  
Council Member Robert Stamper

Mayor Frank McClary solicited prayers for the Anderson family, due to the passing of Lovlth Anderson, Sr. a former Mayor of the Town of Andrews. Mr. Anderson passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper to approve the Thursday, June 16, 2022 Town Council Meeting minutes. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Robert Ulrich; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; 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 report for the twelve months ended June 30, 2022.

### **New Business**

**2022 Seat Belt Policy:** Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper to approve the 2022 Seat Belt Policy for the Town of Andrews. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Robert Ulrich; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, motion carried.**

**Safety Resolution Number 2022-03:** Motion was made by Council Member Robert Stamper and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee to approve the Town of Andrews Safety Resolution Number 2022-03. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Robert Ulrich; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, motion carried.**

### **Citizens' Comments**

There were no citizens comments. Mayor McClary announced that trash collection has been delayed due to the trash truck being inoperable. The necessary repairs have been completed; the truck is back in operation. In addition, a new truck driver has been hired. The goal is to have the trash collection back on schedule next week. However, the sanitation crew will continue to work until the route is completed for this week. Citizens were instructed to leave their trash carts out on the curve until the route is completed. It was announced that the Town will implement a schedule to pick up debris during the month of August 2022.

### **Administrator's Report**

The Town Administrator highlighted some topics of discussions from the MASC Annual meeting that was held 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> in Charleston, South Carolina. This year's theme was "Civility makes the difference". Maintaining civility as it pertains to individuals getting along and taking care of business seem to be a common issue shared among municipalities across the state. She emphasized that the City of Greenville, South Carolina is a prime example of how a municipality can grow when civility is a common focus of those who are in leadership positions and take their duties seriously. She expounded on how through the years she has seen that particular city establish a plan for economic growth and how incredible it is to see those plans come to fruition and in return that city is now flourishing. House Bill 3050 was introduced during a session about police reform. The bill will require non-certified law enforcement officers to be accompanied by a certified law enforcement officer when performing their duties, require an officer to intervene under certain conditions, limit the use of chokeholds and "no knock" warrants under certain circumstances, and a few other procedural reforms. Every police department in the state of South Carolina will have to establish a Standard Operating Procedure Manual incorporating the guidelines and procedures included in House Bill 3050. At least every three years, compliance division will inspect policies and procedures for non-accredited agencies. Corrective action will be needed if not in compliance. After 30 days, civil penalties up to \$1,000 per day may be assessed if not in compliance. LETC may suspend the law enforcement certification of every officer until the agency is in compliance. Flood resiliency was another topic of discussion; the governors' office just dedicated \$55 million to fund flood resiliency projects across the state. It was mentioned that there is currently an ongoing storm drain project between Georgetown County and the Town of Andrews.

ARPA funds from the national level have also been extended down to the state level in support of flood mitigation projects. Ms. Wilson introduced elements of the Sclip Program; a \$900 Million grant funded through the Rural Infrastructure Authority. The funds will be dispersed in three different categories. \$683 million will be dedicated to community impact grants. The Town will qualify for \$273 million. Up to \$10 million maybe requested per application. There will be three funding rounds for these competitive grants. Funds will also be distributed for regional solutions, water quality, resiliency and storm water protection as well as other aging infrastructure and capacity concerns. In closing, she reminded everyone that the Donnelly Foundation awarded \$20,000.00 to the town, strictly for the development of a visioning plan. Earth Design will manage the project. Work on the project is expected to begin within 60 to 90 days.

### **Council Reports**

**Council Member Robert Ulrich:** No report.

**Council Member Angela Anderson** asked if the Town has a five-to-ten-year comprehensive plan to address growth. She stated that she would like to see plans to establish a water park for children. She also addressed the need for a more efficient and effective way of communicating with our citizens and informing them of events taking place in the Town, especially the elderly and those who don't utilize Facebook. Lastly, she inquired about the status of the beautification project to beautify the street corners along Main Street and Morgan Avenue. In her opinion, the Town needs to focus on a plan to make Main Street and the Downtown area more attractive. In response, Mayor McClary stated that the best way for citizens to become better informed of private events that are taking place in the Town is by viewing the Andrews News Facebook page. All Town sponsored events are coordinated and advertised in advance as a means to inform the citizens. In addition, he told the members of town council that it is their responsibility as well as to help keep the citizens informed on events occurring in the town. The development of a strategic plan to address the development and beatification of Main Street will commence in the near future with the donation to the town through the Donnelly Foundation. Lastly, she thanked the employees of the Town of Andrew for doing a great job.

**Council Member Robert Stamper** reminded the public safety workers to be cautious during the extreme hot weather and stay hydrated to avoid heat exhaustion. He mentioned that he was told that the public works department is no longer taking after hour calls after 8pm; in fact, central dispatch has been receiving calls from the Town of Andrews citizens and dispatching the fire department to address water leaks after hours. Mayor McClary in response stated that he thinks this is just a misunderstanding and he will address this concern with the public works supervisor to have the matter corrected, immediately. Councilman Stamper asked for an update on the status of citizens receiving water bills. It was stated that the water bills are projected to be back on schedule and sent out by the first of August. It was announced that the fire department has received notification from ISO that the Town's annual inspection will occur by end of the year. He stated that he would like to have another fire engine parked at Town Hall before the ISO inspection. In response, Mayor McClary stated that the request will be taken under advisement.

**Council Member Amy Flagler** stated that most of her concerns have already been addressed through the reports of her fellow council members. She added that several citizens have inquired of her about the water bills and their ability to make payments. It was reiterated that the bills have not gone out due to the on-the-job training of a newly hired water meter reader and an audit of the entire billing process. However, the bills are projected to be back on schedule with customers receiving their bills by the first of August. There will be no cut offs or late penalties assessed until this process is back to its regular schedule. Councilwoman Flagler also addressed concerns with calls being made to Town Hall during regular business hours and citizens being placed on hold for an extended period with no response. Mayor McClary stated that he would address this issue with the front office staff.

**Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee** stated that during the past month he assisted several citizens with having water leaks repaired. He has been successful with notifying and having the Department of Transportation to address issues with standing water near the homes of citizens and streets in need of resurfacing in the Town of Andrews. He stated that he is still designing maps of the Town's Infrastructure to aid agencies with performing maintenance request and to aid the Town with getting barriers around fire hydrants. He provided Town Council with some important facts as it relates to CSX and concerns with trains blocking two or more railroad tracks in Town and violating guidelines. He encouraged his fellow council members to take the initiative to help address these concerns.

**Council Member Angela Anderson** added that there is a deep pothole on Martin Luther King Drive near the Andrews Recreational Center that needs to be addressed. She further stated that the Town needs another means other than Facebook to effectively communicate with citizens, especially the elderly. Mayor McClary informed the Council members that it is a part of their duties to be a voice to the citizens and help keep them informed of current events. However, he agrees that this is a challenging issue, one that will take some time to develop the perfect solution.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Frank McClary recognized Officer Reginald Fitzgerald back to the Andrews Police Department. He announced that Officer Steven Judd was recently promoted to the position of Police Corporal. He added that all departments have been experiencing a higher rate of employee turnover, thus creating many challenges for a small staff, but there are employees in those departments who are dedicated, constantly working hard to make a difference and they are greatly appreciated. Randy Cooper a recent return to work retiree, in the capacity of a vendor, is providing his skills and service of water treatment to the town. It was announced that trash carts have been ordered but not yet received. The town is currently accepting application for all departments; interested parties were encouraged to complete an application. Mayor McClary invited all to attend a community forum, sponsored by the Andrews Branch of the NAACP, 6:30 pm Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Executive Center of Spirit Filled Ambassadors for Christ Church. The guest speakers will include Mayor Frank McClary and two Georgetown County Councilmen, Everett Carolina and Raymond Newton. The focus of the forum will be to discuss current events that are happening in the Town of Andrews. Councilwoman Angela Anderson requested a moment of silent prayer, in honor of the Late Former Mayor Lovith Anderson, Sr. The Town of Andrews will host a Town Hall meeting during the month

of August. A citizen inquired about the status of the unfinished Municipal Complex Building on Morgan Avenue; in response, Mayor McClary stated that matter is in litigation with Georgetown County to receive the rest of the funds owed to the town. We were lead in a moment of silent prayer by Council Member Angela Anderson.

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

***Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.***