

**TOWN OF ANDREWS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUB-STATION COURTROOM**

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.

ANDREWS, SC 29510

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1. INVOCATION**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 6. CITIZENS COMMENTS (THREE (3) MINUTES ONLY)**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
- 9. APPEARANCE(S):**
 - Wanda Charping, CPA: Accountant for the Town of Andrews
- 10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 11. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**
- 12. COUNCIL'S REPORT**
- 13. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

**Monthly Town Council Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2015
6:00 pm**

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Invocation was rendered by police Chief Kaynnera Capers
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Rodney Giles
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Patsy Greene
Council Member Mattie McGee
Council Member Sudha Patel
Council Member David Tisdale
Council Member Eddie Lee

Motion was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2015 Council Meeting with the necessary corrections. All in favor, motion carried.

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The monthly financial statements were included in the Councils' packet for information purposes only.

Citizens Comments

Mr. Martin Mays Jr. of 208 N. Poplar Avenue stated that he has been experiencing low water pressure at his home, trash remaining by the side of the roads and fire hydrants leaking for months. Mr. Mays said that he reported the problem to Town Hall and to Council Members and to the Mayor on several occasions and nothing has been done to resolve these issues. He is making one more plea before Mayor and Council and if they can't solve the issues of the Town then they should remove themselves from office and let someone else more competent handle the job.

New Business

There was no New Business for discussion.

Old Business

There was no Old Business for discussion.

Appearance (s)

Wanda Charping the Town's Accountant stated that the Town's finances are under budgeted for each department at this time and she foresees no problem or reason for alarm. Ms. Charping stated that the Town true-up cost to the City of Georgetown is in the amount of \$80,000.00. Mayor and Council stated to Mr. Carter the Town's attorney that they would like for him to review the contract between the Town of Andrews and Georgetown County to look for a reason that the Town may have to renegotiate the terms of the contract. Mayor requested that Mr. Carter have something prepared to report to Mayor and Council at their Budget Workshop scheduled for March 11, 2015 at 1 pm.

Administrator's Report

The Town's Administrator Mauretta Dorsey was not present at this meeting.

Department Head Reports

Fire Department: Rob Stamper stated that the Department just completed an ISO rating audit which sets the rates for your Home Owner's Insurance Policies. The Town currently has an ISO rating #6 on a scale from 1 to 10. The higher the ISO rating number the lower protection class you are for your Home Owners Insurance policy. Mr. Stamper informed Mayor and Council that they are planning a Career Day next month at Andrews Elementary School.

Public Works Department: Mr. Jackie Shaw responded to Mr. May's water pressure issue by stating that well #2 and well #3 tripped out. Mr. Shaw stated that they have hired a truck driver and they will begin to pick up debris soon.

Police Department: Chief Capers reported that the Andrews Police Department recently had two officers to go to the Police Academy, Joyce Williams and Lance Stone both successfully completed training and they are now Class 3 Certified. Chief Capers stated that officer Adrian Dunmore is now back to work on light duty. Chief Capers announced that the Andrews Police Department will sponsor a School wide Easter Egg Hunt at Andrews Elementary School for Easter.

Council's Report

Council Member Eddie Lee stated that he will support Council Member Sudha Patel with her Downtown Revitalization Project. Mr. Lee addressed the concerns that Mr. Martin Mays Jr mentioned in citizens comment. Mr. Lee stated that he and Council as a team will work to see that his concerns be addressed.

Council Member Sudha Patel stated that she would like to introduce a two tier nonpaid internship program at Town Hall. The internship program would recruit both college and high school students. Ms. Patel stated that she would like to recruit at least twelve students that would work on projects like the Downtown

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Revitalization, the Business Plan and various other planned events for the town. Ms. Patel stated that another one of her goals is to help establish Community Pride and this could be accomplished by inviting people to Town Meetings and have them recite the Pledge of Allegiance and encourage them to participate. Ms. Patel stated that she has met with the Fire Department and they are looking to have a kick off meeting that will include the Police Department on a regular basis to go over plans for the New Buildings. Ms. Patel continued to say that the Town has some funds in the general fund that could be used for marketing purposes and she intends to ask Mayor and Council for access to those funds to help advertise some of the Towns Events. Ms. Patel announced that she recently graduated from the MASC Elected Official Institute. Ms. Patel stated that she has some concerns about the Elected Official Annual Meeting coming up on July 2015 and she would like for Mayor and Council to give great consideration into the amount of Town Funds that will be spent on this event. Ms. Patel stated that she and a group of concern citizens are on point with having our State Representatives who travel through Andrews stop in to one of our local restaurants to have a cup of coffee and hear some of the concerns that the citizens of Andrews may have. Ms. Patel stated that Senator Tim Rice visited Andrews on last month.

Council Member Patsy Greene stated that Council and Mayor should make it their priority to look into the water and sewer issues that the Town has as well as the complaints of our citizens.

Council Member David Tisdale voiced his opinion to Mayor and Council that the Town needs to look into training their employees to perform some of the duties that the Town is currently contracting out if it could save money and help our budget. Mr. Tisdale thanked everyone for coming together tonight and realizing that we have to do something immediately to solve the water and sewer issues of this Town.

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Council Member Angela Anderson urged mayor, council and citizens to come together to solve the water and sewer issues of the Town. Mrs. Anderson thanked all of the Town employees for their hard work.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles stated to Mr. Martin Mays Jr, that he addresses all of the issues that are brought before him. Mayor Giles announced that he had a meeting with Mr. Thomas Alford concerning the property that the Veterans Association would like to take over and that the contract will be delivered to Mr. Carter for review. Mayor Giles informed Council that the two attorneys for the land sale are working together on coming up with a closing date and more information should be available soon. Mayor Giles stated that he met with the engineers from DP3 and they will be preparing a presentation for council on a design for the new buildings. He also mentioned that he recently had a meeting with Mr. Hicks from USDA and they will be working with the Town on coming up with the additional funding needed for the new buildings. Mayor Giles informed the citizens that Williamsburg Technical College is offering elected course to high school students free of charge on the weekends which can count toward college credit hours as long as the student have not started taking any courses towards their major.

Adjournment

Council Member Eddie Lee made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm and was seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson, Town Clerk.