

Town of Andrews

Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018. 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 Council Member Angela Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Frank McClary
Council Member Marva Session
Council Member Bradley Prince
Council Member Terrance Middleton
Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr
Council Member Angela Anderson

Mayor McClary announced that the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee is related to an illness of a family member.

Motion was made by Council Member Marva Session and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2018 Town Council meeting as written. Council Member Terrance Middleton made a motion to amend the minutes to include his objection to the Town of Andrews relinquishing the management of the Town's Municipal Court back from Georgetown County. Motion was made by Council Member Marva Session and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2018 Town Council meeting reflecting the amendment made by Council Member Terrance Middleton. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr; Yes, Council Member Bradley Prince; 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.

Presentations

Proposed Rock Quarry: Ms. Nancy Cae of the SC Coastal Conservation League presented Mayor and Town Council with a presentation explaining the cons of the Proposed Rock Quarry for the Earles Community of Andrews. RDA, LLC purchased 946 acres to locate the limestone quarry in the Earles Community. American Materials Company, LLC will manage the actual quarry operation. RDA has applied

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for permits for the limestone quarry from DHEC. Citizens from the Earles Community were also present to voice their opposition to the limestone quarry. Their concerns include impacts to regional wetlands, water quality, impacts from dewatering, air quality, noise, reclamation and post-mining land use. They feel like it's going to destroy the community, They're concerned a lot of people's wells will go dry; a lot of foundations will be cracked on the houses; some of the swamps will go dry; contaminants to the rivers. The limestone mine would have devastating effects on the Town of Andrews. The Town's infrastructure is not adequate to withstand the increase traffic flow of big trucks that would be in the area every day. Mayor McClary stated that the mine is not in the best interest of the Town of Andrews. Additional meetings will be held in the future to keep Town Council informed on the status of the proposed limestone quarry and its impact on the Town of Andrews. He stated that Town Council will work with the SC Coastal Conservation League to develop a Resolution opposing the permitting of the mining facility.

Financial Report

Mrs. Brenda Jackson, CPA presented Council with the financial report for the Town of Andrews for the month of April 2018. She reviewed the Actual vs Budgeted Expenditures and Revenues.

Citizens Comments

Mr. David Reddick inquired about the status of the investigation into the missing lights. Mayor McClary told Mr. Reddick to come by Town Hall on tomorrow and he will be reimbursed for the cost of the missing lights.

Council's (Sub – Division's Reports)

Council Member Terrance Middleton: No report.

Council Member Angela Anderson: Mrs. Anderson voiced her concerns with the littering by local newspaper carriers who are placing unwanted weekly papers in the driveways of citizens homes. She questioned what protocol is being implemented to deter this type of littering by enforcing the Town's Littering Ordinance. Mayor McClary replied that all citizens may not object to receiving this method of advertising by businesses and suggested that the citizens who don't want these type of advertisements placed in the driveways of their homes to personally contact the business and have their name/or address removed from their delivery list. Mrs. Anderson stated that she has received several requests to include helpful information that was sent out with the water bills in April. She announced that Helping Hands of Andrews will be hosting a barbeque fund raiser on Friday, June 1st.

Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr.: Mr. Watford stated that he would like for Town Council Members to be in attendance at the next meeting on the Proposed Limestone.

Council Member Marva Session: Mrs. Session congratulated the Town Clerk on her successful completion of the MASC Municipal Clerk and Treasures Training Institute. She recommended that steps be implemented to remind citizens that all household garbage is to be placed inside of the trash roll carts and not on the sides or tops.

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Council Member Bradley Prince: Mr. Bradley stated that he was glad to see two new businesses coming to Main Street; A Boutique Shop and O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary stated that Andrews High School will soon have a new Principal. The Town of Andrews FY 2018-2019 Budget planning process is now underway. A budget work session is scheduled for May 21st at 10:00 a.m. Members of Town Council were reminded that their MASC Annual meeting registration information is due to the Town Clerk. He stated that he met with the Regional Transportation Forum. During this meeting he was able to prioritize some of the more critical road repair needs and gain some knowledge on some of the road repairs that will impact the Town of Andrews. The completion of Phase two of the Andrews By-Pass will require the use of different materials from that which was used to construct the First Phase of the Highway. The materials to be used are more sufficient to handle the heavy weight of trucks along the truck route. Mayor McClary informed the citizens that there was a meeting held in 2008 with the Town's Leadership and Business Owners who believed that the Town's Ordinance governing the Truck Route was impeding on the rights of truckers to utilize local businesses. A memorandum was drafted that would require our police officers to follow truckers thru town before issuing a ticket. Mayor McClary stated that this topic will be revisited in the near future.

Police Chief Marc Whitfield stated that his department currently has one officer attending the S.C. Police Academy. His department is currently working with the surrounding law enforcement offices to jointly combat the drug problems within the various communities and jurisdictions. He plans to implement a reserve officer program for the Town of Andrews.

Fire Chief Robert Stamper stated that his department has been undergoing some training sessions this past month. The department has received some new equipment to include a jaws of life saw which has been utilized.

Public Works Supervisor Fred Sumpter stated that his department completed 16 sewer work orders, 61 water leak work orders and 6 others during the month of May. They repaired a 6" water main break along Chestnut Street. The department sold 28 items (equipment) at Gov World Auctions. A new water and sewer tap was installed at O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Adjournment

Council Member Terrance Middleton made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. and was seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson, Town Clerk.