

**TOWN OF ANDREWS
SPECIAL CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING/BUDGET
WORKSHOP
TOWN HALL / CONFERENCE ROOM
101 N. MORGAN AVE
ANDREWS, SC 29510
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014 @ 1:00 PM**

AGENDA

- 1) INVOCATION
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) ROLL CALL
- 4) NEW BUSINESS
- 5) OLD BUSINESS
 - A. DISCUSSION OF FY 2014-2015 BUDGET
- 6) ADJOURNMENT

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Tuesday, July 8, 2014

1pm

Town Hall Courtroom

101 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for a Special Called Town Council Meeting/ Budget Workshop on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm.

Invocation was rendered by Mayor Rodney Giles
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

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

New Business

There was no New Business for Discussion

Old Business

Mayor and Council reviewed and discussed a letter that was sent to Mayor Rodney Giles from Judge Isaac L. Pyatt. The letter dated July 2, 2014 stated that Judge Pyatt will be relinquishing his duty to the Town of Andrews as Municipal Judge in 90 days from the date of the letter. Mayor Giles stated that he plans to make contact with the Judge and discuss this issue further and to address some concerns of the Council. The Mayor referenced that Judge Pyatt is implying that

His office is and has been incurring some additional cost as it relates to two of their employees working on cases for The Town of Andrews. Judge Pyatt would like to recoup those expenses and ask that the Town be responsible for the expenses in the future.

FY 2015 Budget Discussion

Town Council entered into a discussion on the FY 2014-2015 Budget. Wanda Charping the Towns Attorney stated that Mayor and Council need to cut \$350,000.00 from the proposed budget. It was stated that Joyce Roberts's salary is budgeted into the Police Department's Budget. In the past the state has not allowed the Town to access any of the funds from the Victims' Advocate Fund to pay Joyce Roberts salary because she had not been correctly documenting her hours worked as a victims advocate.

The figures that were present on the spread sheets seem to be inaccurate as it relates to previous information that was presented to Mayor and Council. Council Member Anderson suggested that every department review their budget and make 30% cut across the board. It was stated that it will cost the Town \$48,000.00 to hire one police officer for the police department with a starting pay of \$12.71 per hour. Chief Capers stated that he would like to hire the one officer that is already budgeted for in the current year's budget. Council stated that the current year's budget already covers that salary for one additional officer.

Mayor Giles stated that Mauretta Dorsey was hired to administer the day to day operations and that the budget needs to be reviewed quarterly. Each Department head should be up to date on the daily balance available in their budget. The suggestion was made that the Town purchase software to help monitor the budget and each department balances.

Council Member Greene stated that council should entertain the idea of placing Executive Session on all Agendas for Council Meetings going forward. Council agreed that they would check into the legality behind this idea at their Annual Meeting in Charleston and would inform the clerk of their final decision concerning Executive Sessions and their Meetings.

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Chief Capers was instructed to review his department's budget and make \$71,457.10 in cuts. Mayor Giles stated that he will schedule a Department's Head Meeting for Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 10 am. During the Department's Head Meeting each department will review their budget and generate a list of changes that they can cut out of their budgets.

The motion was made by council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to adjourn.