

TOWN OF ANDREWS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT SUB-STATION COURT ROOM

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE.

ANDREWS, SC 29510

OCTOBER 17, 2012 @ 6:00PM

AGENDA

- 1) INVOCATION**
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) ROLL CALL**
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FYI ONLY**
- 6) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES ONLY**
- 7) APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL – ACCOUNTANT WANDA CHARPING, CPA**
- 8) NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. CONSIDER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GEORGETOWN COUNTY
FOR TAX REVENUE ENHANCEMENT CONSULTING SERVICE**
 - 2. CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO ADD PUMP STATION #18 TO CURRENT CDBG PROJECT**
 - 3. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING ACCUMULATION OF SICK AND
ANNUAL LEAVE FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES**
 - 4. RENDER 1ST READING OF FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE**
- 9) OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. RENDER SECOND READING TO AN ORDINANCE REZONING 11 HILLCREST STREET
FROM R-10 TO R-8**
- 10) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 11) COUNCIL REPORT**
- 12) MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 13) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS**
- 14) ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews Public Hearing

Sheriff Department Sub-station court room

110 North Morgan Ave.

Andrews, SC 29510

October 17, 2012 @ 5:45pm

(Comments will be restricted to 3 minutes)

- 1) . Receive comments regarding the rezoning of 11 Hillcrest Street from R-10 to R-8.**

Town of Andrews

Monthly Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

Public Hearing

The Town of Andrews met for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 5:45 pm to render a second reading to an ordinance rezoning 11 Hillcrest Street from R-10 to R-8 which would allow a Daycare Center to be established at that location to house no more than six children.

Mayor Giles stated that Council will now hear from any citizens from the Town of Andrews who have concerns in regards to the rezoning of 11 Hillcrest Street from R-10 to R-8.

Mr. James Moore a property owner on the same block with 11 Hillcrest Street appeared before council to address his concern in this matter. Mr. Moore stated that the sign posted said that A Public Hearing is being held to consider granting an ordinance rezoning of 11 Hillcrest Street from R-10 to R-16 and he does not know what a R-16 Zoning is or will allow for. He also stated that he would oppose the rezoning because it would be a permanent decision concerning that address and if the current owners were to move away the original zoning classification would not automatically be reverted.

Mr. Windham responded that the posted sign has a typographer error and the sign should read a Public Hearing will be held to hear a second reading to an ordinance rezoning 11 Hillcrest Street from R-10 to R-8 instead of from R-10 to R-16.

Mrs. Ginger Morris a owner of property that connects with 11 Hillcrest Street appeared before council to address her concerns about the rezoning of the said property. She stated that she had done some research and found out that R-16 zoning would allow for multi home complexes and so on. She would not have

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a problem if R-8 to grant the owner of 11 Hillcrest to operate a daycare for a maximum number of 6 kids and if the variance was for the current owner of that property only. However, if the current owner was to sell that property then the new owners would have R-8 zoning as well and she does not agree with that and would oppose the granting of the variance.

Mrs. Judy Moore owner of property at 53 Hillcrest had concerns of what else would a R-8 zoning allow for besides a daycare. It was stated by Mr. Windham that R-8 zoning would allow for various types of professional businesses.

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Mattie McGee to postpone voting on this matter until the proper posting has been done on the property and ample time be granted to concern citizens to do research on R-8 zoning.

Mayor Rodney Giles called the Public Hearing to a close at 6:03pm.

The Town of Andrews met for their monthly Town Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Thomas Alford
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Rodney Giles
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member Patsy Greene
Council Member Thomas Alford
Council Member Sid Ackerman
Council Member Mattie McGee
Council Member David Tisdale

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After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the minutes from the September 20 , 2012 Council Meeting. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried

The monthly financial statement was included in the Council's packet for information purposes only.

Citizen's Comment

Mrs. Ann Howell of 617 North Morgan Avenue appeared before council with concerns about the Andrews Town sign being in her yard. She stated that she was told back in the 70's that if she allowed the sign to be placed in her yard that the sign would be well maintained, re-done when needed to be. She stated that she was told that the piece of her property where the sign is displayed would be landscaped and that electricity and water that was once connected to the sign had been cut. She stated that if the promises that were made to her cannot be kept she would like for the sign to be removed from her property.

Jamie Harrelson of 107 W. Hickory Street appeared before council with concerns about the rumors of Chief Jennifer Flowers being fired. She said for herself being a citizen and business owner in this town she felt as if Chief Flowers was doing an wonderful job and feels the citizens and business owners deserve an explanation as to why Chief Flowers was terminated.

Kathy Mitchum business owner and resident of the Town of Andrews and the owner of Country Girl Gift Shop also appeared before Council requesting a explanation for Chief Flowers being terminated.

Veronica McCray a resident of 719 W. Cottonwood Street stated that she supported the Mayor in his decision and that she believes him to have followed all guidelines and policies in making and carrying through with his decision

Jennifer Weaver stated that she is a resident of the Town of Andrews and that she feels safe in knowing that her daughter can pump gas safely in the Town at night.

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She gives credit to Chief Flowers for this being possible and feels that the citizens deserve an explanation of what happened that lead to the termination of Chief Flowers.

Cindy Marshall a resident of Andrews also stated she feels like Chief Flowers and the entire police department is doing an excellent job patrolling the Town especially in the area near Devonshire Apartments where she lives.

Denise Moore a business owner and resident of 407 S. Rosemary Avenue stated that she commended the Andrews Police Department as a whole, and she feels like the Police Department under the current and past supervisions has always done a great job for the Town and she supports knowing the facts behind what has happen more so than supporting just one individual.

Cindy Marshall stated that she knew that Chief Flowers has done a great job. She also stated that she has some literature to share with anyone who would like to know more about the jobs and duties of Mayor and Council.

April Maglish stated that she supports Jennifer Flowers.

Donna Flowers stated that she feels her sister have been very supportive of the Andrews Police Department. She feels that the Chief along with the Mayor have done an excellent job at cleaning up the Town.

Tiffany Pearce stated that she feels like the Mayor stood alone in hiring the Chief and she believe that he stood alone in the firing of the Chief so she feels he should give a public explanation as to why Chief Flowers was terminated and he needs to work on getting another chief for the Town.

Mrs. Anne Howell stated that she believes that before a change for the better can happen that all of the citizens, Mayor and Council members will have to come together as a family first and then build from that and stop fighting against each other. In order for the future of Andrews to be successful we need to train, and educate our children on how to get along with one another.

Shane Maglish stated that he supported Chief Flowers in her position and felt like she was very qualified for the position in which she held.

Appearing before Council

The Town Accountant Ms. Wanda Charping, appeared before Council and Mayor to inform them that the current financial status of the Town. Ms. Charping stated that the Town finances are in good standing and the Town is operating according to budget.

New Business

Mr. Windham brought before Council and Mayor for consideration a Memorandum of Understanding with Georgetown County for Tax Revenue Enhancement Consulting Service. The county would hire a Tax Consulting Service to collect the taxes that the County has been unable to collect. The Consulting Service would retain 20% of all taxes that they collect and the County would receive 80% which then would be divided among the municipalities and school districts within the county.

The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman and seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford to consent to Georgetown County hiring of Tax Revenue Enhancement Consulting Service. The county would hire a Tax Consulting Service to collect the taxes that the County has been unable to collect. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Windham brought before Council for consideration a Proposal to add Pump Station #18 to the current CDBG project. The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman to give consent to add Pump Station #18 to the current CDBG project. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Windham brought before Council and Mayor for consideration and take action regarding accumulation of sick and annual leave for Town Employees. Ms. Charping suggested that Council form a committee to work on proposed plan in regards to a capping of vacations hours to be carried over from one year to another and policy changes or amendments to the current policy handbook as it

relates to this and other issues. Mayor Giles appointed a committee to consist of only three Council Members: Patsy Greene, Thomas Alford, David Tisdale; All Department Heads, Chaconas Parson, and Wanda Charping was selected so that the committee could meet when necessary without forming a quorum. The first committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2012 at 10 am to work on the changes to the current employee handbook as it relates to the benefits of employees. This committee will continue to meet until a formal proposal is presented to Council for a vote.

Mr. Windham brought before Council and Mayor the 1st reading of Flood Plain Ordinance for the Town of Andrews. The motion was made by Council Member Sid Ackerman to consent to the 1st reading of Flood Plain ordinance for the Town of Andrews and that everyone take a copy home and read through it before the second reading. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Windham stated that tonight there will be a second reading of the ordinance of the rezoning of 11 Hillcrest Street from R-8 to R-10. After hearing the citizens concerns tonight relating to this issue it was agreed upon to table another reading until a corrected posting can be put into place informs the citizens about this issue.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Windham stated that the Cypress Lane Apartments located at 310 W. Gapway Road will become available for occupancy on November 1, 2012. He stated that he has not been able to find a policy where the Town will waive sanitation fees to an apartment complex. The management of Cypress Lane Apartments does not want trash carts on their location and will pay for disposal of its tenant's garbage. However, he stated that the Town is not billing the tenants' of other apartment's complexes for sanitation fee. He asks council to make a decision as to how to

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handle Cypress Lane Apartment Complex as it relates to this matter. Council Member Sid Ackerman made the motion not to charge Cypress Lane Apartments a Sanitation fee for garbage pick up being that the Town will not be responsible for picking up the tenants garbage and because we are not charging other complex establishments for sanitation fee either. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: McGee-Yes, Greene-Yes, Alford-Yes, Ackerman-Yes, Anderson-Yes, Tisdale-Yes and Giles-Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Report

Council Member Thomas Alford stated that the Veteran's Association met with a salesman from Anchor Flag Company on yesterday to discuss the project of repairing the flag pole at Town Hall. They are suggesting that they will need to cut the pole off at the top and repair the condition of the flag pole. They will meet on October 29 to further discuss this matter.

Council Member Sid Ackerman suggested that after this meeting that Mayor and council should prepare to make a press release to the public concerning the termination of Chief Jennifer Flowers. Mayor Giles responded that that he had already spoken with the News Paper and given them a statement.

Council Member Angela Anderson stated that some citizens had inquired to her about the Halloween Activities that the Town used to put on and she wanted to know the current status of these activities. Mayor Giles responded that Joyce Roberts use to host the activities and this is the second year it has not been done. He said that this will be something that they will look into re-establishing as a Town Event.

Council Member Mattie McGee asked the Town Council to make a \$100.00 donation towards the Red Cross Christmas Dinner. Council Member Sid Ackerman made the motion and it was seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to donate a \$100.00 towards the Red Cross Christmas Dinner.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles thanked all who came out to show their support tonight. He encouraged them to come out to every Council Meeting not only when something negative is going on.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Council Member Thomas Alford to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

The motion was made by Council Member David Tisdale to come out of Executive Session and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson, the motion was carried. Mayor Giles stated that there was no decision made in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Council Member Angela Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson.