

## Town of Andrews

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**Monthly Town Council Meeting  
Via Zoom/Facebook Live  
Thursday September 17, 2020 6:00p.m.  
101 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC**

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Mayor McClary stated that due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the implementation of social distancing measures, the physical meeting is closed to the public. The meeting is being broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Emergency Operations Center page.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020. 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.

**Town Officials Present:**

Mayor Frank McClary  
Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince  
Council Member Angela Anderson  
Council Member Amy Flagler  
Council Member Eddie Lee  
Council Member James E. Altman  
Council Member Robert Stamper

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the minutes from the Thursday, August 20, 2020 Town Council Meeting as written. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; 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**

Mrs. Brenda Jackson, CPA for the Town of Andrews presented Town Council Members with a review of the Budgeted versus Actual Revenues and Expenditures Financial Report for the Town of Andrews for month ending August 31, 2020.

### **Council Reports**

**Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince** spoke on several issues which have been brought to his attention by citizens. Citizens have complained to him about trash and sewer being placed in the ditches along South Magnolia Avenue and in addition to a camper that is parked on the property line. Mayor McClary announced that local business owners and citizens are in the planning stage of Halloween activities to include proposed safe guards on how to keep children safe. The final plans will be reviewed by Town Officials before any events are approved. Mayor Pro Tem requested that the Town Council consider reopening their monthly meetings to citizens. He stated that there is a need for better lines of communication to be established between Town Administration and all members of the Town Council. He also stated that he was disappointed that no one from the Town Administration or Town Council contacted any personnel of the Fire Department to check on their mental and physical state of mind after witnessing a three-year-old child die in a recent car accident. Mayor McClary responded that if that information was brought to their attention the Town's Administration certainly would have reached out to check on the welfare of the fire fighters after such an ordeal. The Town Administration is always reaching out and offering support to employees and council members who are experiencing difficult times or events in their lives.

**Council Member Amy Flagler** voiced concerns with the accumulation of water in the ditches along Cherry Street and Beech Avenue. She reported that there are several street signs missing over the town. Mayor McClary stated that the public works department has collected almost all of the down signs and are working to have them replaced. The study of the town's drainage system has been completed. A plan to help with the drainage problems within the Town of Andrews is scheduled to be put to action during the month of November. The plan is to redirect about 118 acres of water from the North Side down to the South Side by developing a third water outfall basin which will significantly reduce the pressure of water coming out of the Cherry Basin as was discussed in detail during last month's meeting.

**Council Member Angela Anderson** stated that citizens have approached her and asked when was the plans for the construction of the New Public Safety Complex approved and why doesn't Town Council have to approve the expenditures for the complex. Mayor McClary in response stated that the plans for the Public Safety Complex were approved by Town Council in October of 2019. The revenues from the 2014 Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum will fund the Public Safety Complex. Those funds are not included in the Town's Operating Budget therefore Town Council's approval is not required for expenditures. Council doesn't approve any expenditures of any line item throughout the town at all. Per state statute, council approves the budget not the operation of it.

**Council Member Robert Stamper** voiced his concerns with Public Works resurfacing roads after repairs have been made. Proper notification has to be provided to SC DOT and permission granted before employees make any road cutting is implemented. It is the responsibility of the Town to ensure that all resurfacing is properly restored. The Town has purchased and is now utilizing bags of hot patching material to resurface roads after making repairs. It was reported that the Town's water loss count is 30%. October is Fire Prevention month and the fire department will be actively educating citizens on fire prevention.

**Council Member James Altman** stated that Mr. Terry Blakely is still experiencing a water issue at his home and is requesting assistance from the Public Works Department. Mayor McClary stated that the County has the official wrecker rotation list and it is being utilized and managed by the County. There is no evidence or supporting documentation to suggest that discrimination is active through this process. A detailed list was emailed to all council members on the evening of 09-17-2020.

**Council Member Eddie Lee** no comments.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor McClary announced that the Town of Andrews is still operating under a mask ordinance. Business owners and citizens were recognized for abiding and adhering to the mask ordinance guidelines ultimately keeping the number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases down. Georgetown County Schools will be back in session next week and prayers were solicited for all students and educators. Citizens were reminded to support Helping Hands of Andrews and to complete the 2020 Census Survey if they have not already done so.

### **Employee Recognition**

Patrol Officer Ramiro Vargas was given special recognition for his bravery and dedication for serving as a law enforcement agent. Officer Vargas joined the Andrews Police Department in June of 2019. He successfully completed and graduated from the SC Police Academy in March of 2020. Five months later he played an active role in a joint operation with Georgetown County to apprehend a suspect in a double murder case. Earlier that same morning Officer Vargas was the only officer responding to a 911 call for assistance with an unresponsive individual, due to the immediate actions of Officer Vargas that individual was revived and survived a drug over dose ordeal. The Andrews Police Department is very proud and honored to have Officer Ramiro Vargas as a team member.

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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