

## Town of Andrews

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### **Monthly Town Council Meeting Via Zoom/Facebook Live Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:00 p.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 Facebook messenger page.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Frank McClary solicited prayer for the Town of Andrews employees. Currently there are four employees within the Public Works department which have been diagnosed with Covid-19. One employee is in critical condition.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Eddie Lee.  
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 Rob Stamper  
Council Member James E. Altman

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper to approve the Thursday, July 15, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

#### **Monthly Bank Statements**

The monthly financial statements were included in the Council's packet for informational purposes only.

#### **Financial Report**

Brenda Jackson, CPA for the Town of Andrews presented Town Council members with a review of the Town of Andrews Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual for the month ended July 31, 2021.

### **Citizen's Comment**

There were no citizen comments online.

### **New Business**

**Planning Commission Recommendations.** Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee to accept the nomination made by Council Member Robert Stamper to nominate Mark Stump as a member to the Town of Andrews Planning Commission. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

**South Carolina Open Carry with Training Act:** Effective August 15, 2021 the Open Carry with Training Act will become law in South Carolina. The S.C. Open Carry with Training Act does not change the law that applies to non-CWP holders. Rather, it merely changes the way a CWP holder can carry a handgun in public in South Carolina. The Open Carry with Training Act also does not change where a CWP holder can carry in South Carolina nor does it change the right of a public or private business or employer to post a sign prohibiting or allowing the carrying of a concealable weapon by a valid CWP holder.

**Preparations for Shovel Ready Projects.** A Special Call meeting of the Andrews Town Council will be held on Monday August 30 at 5:30 p.m. to identify, discuss, prioritize potential projects and funding sources for the Town of Andrews.

### **Executive Session**

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (A)

- A. In Accordance with section 30-4-70 (a)(2) Discussion pertaining to Legal Matters: Receiving guidance from the Town's Attorney regarding pending litigation.
- B. In Accordance with section 30-4-70 (a)(1) Discussion of Personnel Matters: Police Department and Administration Department

**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 James Altman; Yes, motion carried.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to come out of Executive Session and enter back into the Regular Monthly meeting. Mayor Frank McClary stated that no decisions were made during the executive session.

### **Administrator's Report**

The Andrews Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 in the open field behind L&L Contractors. Everyone was encouraged to come out and support the event. Online registration for the festival is available @ [andrewshertiagefestival.com](http://andrewshertiagefestival.com) or applications can be picked up from Town Hall. The Town is moving forward with its USDA project.

### **Council Reports**

**Council Member Rob Stamper** mentioned that he received several complaints concerning the grass at the cemetery not being maintained and trash not being picked up. He stated that he received several complaints about the Myrtle Road lift station. Mayor McClary stated that he wasn't aware of any recent problems at this Myrtle Road site but he would follow up with Mr. Porter to assess the situation. Mr. Stamper questioned the status of annual fire inspections of all commercial buildings within the Town. Mayor McClary stated that a contract will be signed tomorrow with an individual who will be responsible for conducting those services and other code enforcement duties. SafeBuilt of the Carolinas has been and will continue to conduct fire inspections for all new businesses within the Town. Mr. Stamper stated that the concrete pad at the temporary site of the AFD is already cracked due to the weight of the fire engines. He questioned if the fire department will have the capability to park one of its engines back at Town Hall once the police vehicles have been outfitted. In response, Mayor McClary stated that the department will be granted permission to do so after the vehicles are outfitted. The Town Administrator requested that the department provide the weight of the fire trucks so that the concrete contractor can address and resolve the weight issue as it pertains to the concrete pad. It was also stated that it would not be cost effective to repair the limb truck, however, the public works department does have a trailer that can be pulled to serve the purpose of collecting debris until a new limb truck can be purchased.

**Council Member Amy Flagler** raised concerns with the start date of the Beech Street project. Ms. Dorsey stated that this project will be managed by the COG office. The contract was signed last month and the project has eighteen months from the date that the contract was signed to be completed. Everyone was informed that utility bills are generated monthly for all active accounts. Flat rate bills are generated for all active accounts with no usage. Also, customers who sign a disconnect of service application will not receive a bill once their account is paid in full and is no longer active.

**Council Member Angela Anderson** stated that Helping Hands of Andrews is in need of a building to house its operations. She thanked everyone for their expressions of concern and love shown to her following her accident in Hilton Head, S.C. Mayor McClary stated that the Town is awaiting a report from the Safe Built of the Carolinas on the status of the house located at 410 N Farr Avenue as a possible site for Helping Hands.

**Council Member Eddie Lee** stated that he and several other members of the Andrews Town Council attended the MASC Annual meeting in Hilton Head S.C. on August 21, 2021. He highlighted several topics of discussions during the meeting. He elaborated on the importance of members attending conferences to receive a better understanding of their duties and responsibilities to be effective leaders within the communities that they serve. In conclusion, he stated that funding for Social Security is expected to be depleted by 2037 and funding for Medicare is expected to be depleted by 2027 if congress approve to re-fund these sources.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Frank McClary made references to the COVID -19 outbreaks at our local schools and at Town Hall. He encouraged everyone to practice protective measures to remain safe. The Town of Andrews may have to engage in contracts with outside sources to address some of its critical needs due to the limited staff because of the recent Covid-19 outbreak. The streets and sanitation complaints mentioned in Council Member Rob Stamper's report are due to the staff shortage and Covid-19 outbreak, but the staff will be out tomorrow addressing much of those services. Supplies across the board have been back ordered for a period of time, but the Town is making every effort to fulfill its obligations. Town Hall doors will remain closed to the public but the staff will continue to provide services through the drive-up window. A virtual meeting will be rescheduled for those citizens who will be affected by the Town of Andrews Storm Drain project. The purpose of this meeting will be to inform, to discuss and to answer any questions from citizens who will be affected by the project. In closing he stressed the importance of leaders attending the required trainings that are provided to help educate them on how to effectively perform their duties and obligations in running the Town.

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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