

## Town of Andrews

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### Public Hearings/Regular Monthly Town Council Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Substation

110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC

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### Public Hearings

Public Hearings were held by the Town Council of Andrews, S.C. for both a Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Increase and for a Proposed Business License Rate Increase on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 6:01 p.m. Mayor McClary informed the citizens with a detailed schedule of events explaining the reason for tonight's Public Hearings. He reminded the citizens that a Town Hall Meeting was held on June 16, 2016 to introduce the Proposed Rate Increases. He made reference to the first reading of the ordinances for the two Proposed Rate Increases was held on June 23, 2016. Mr. Greg Bennett identified a minor typo on one of the ordinances. The record shows that the typo was verified and noted to be corrected. There were no other comments on the Proposed Rate increases. The hearings came to a close at 6:05 p.m.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member David Tisdale.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

### **Town Officials Present:**

Mayor Frank McClary  
Council Member David Tisdale  
Council Member Eddie Lee  
Council Member Sudha Patel  
Council Member Terrance Middleton  
Council Member Marva Session  
Council Member Mack E. Watford, Sr.

Motion was made by Council member Sudha Patel and second by Council member Eddie Lee to approve the minutes from Thursday, July 21, 2016 Town Council Meeting with the noted correction to remove Council member Mack E. Watford, Sr's name from all necessary action taken during the meeting. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Council Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, All in favor, motion carried.**

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

**Financial Report**

Mrs. Brenda Jackson, Town CPA presented and reviewed with Council a detailed report of all Revenues and Expenditures for the Month of July 2016 for the Town of Andrews. A report of the Town of Andrews Profit & Loss Budget versus Actual for the Month of July 2016 was also reviewed.

**Old Business**

A second reading for Ordinance Number 2016-02 Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Increase was held. Council member Sudha Patel made the motion and it was seconded by Council member Marva Session to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2016-02 Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Increase for the Town of Andrews. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, All in favor, motion carried.**

A second reading for Ordinance Number 2016-03 Proposed Business License Rate Increase was held. Council member Sudha Patel made the motion and it was seconded by Council member Eddie Lee to approve the second reading of ordinance Number 2016-03 Proposed Business License Rate Increase for the Town of Andrews. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, All in favor, motion carried.**

**New Business**

**Municipal Electric Service Agreement:** After a brief discussion about the Municipal Electric Service Agreement, the motion was made by Council member Sudha Patel and second by Council member Eddie Lee to have the Town's Attorney, Mr. Eleazer Carter review the agreement and advise the Andrews Town Council before any action is taken. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; No, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Terrance Middleton; Yes, Member Marva Session; Yes, Council Member Mack E. Watford; Yes, Motion carried.**

**Citizens Comments**

**Greg Bennett 7 W. Oakland Street Lot #4:** Mr. Bennett thanked Mayor and Council for allowing the Veterans Advisory Committee to host their monthly meetings at Town Hall. He informed Council that the committee has agreed to establish a Town's Veteran's Benefit Guide to assist veterans with a directory of various outreach service agencies. Mr. Bennett thanked Council member Sudha Patel and the Rotary Club for their support in the Restoration Project of the Mural painting on the building located at Main Street and Morgan Avenue. Mr. Bennett stated to Council that this project is still a work in

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progress for him. Mayor McClary recognized Mr. Bennett for all of his dedication and hard work to support the Veterans Association. The work that Mr. Bennett has performed is and will continue to make a difference in the lives of Local Veterans. Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Mr. Gregg Bennett. Mr. Bennett thanked Mr. David Reddick for his assistance with the Veteran's Advisory Committee.

**David Reddick:** Mr. Reddick stated that he is present tonight representing the Low Country Veteran's Association. He informed Council that the association celebrated their 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on last Saturday and he thanked Chief Melvyn Garrett for being a speaker at the event.

**Jerri Price 202 North Morgan Avenue:** Mr. Price addressed Council with his continued frustration with the poor trash and debris pick-up service performed by the Public Works Department. He added to his list of concerns; drivers of Big Trucks driving through the Town of Andrews and avoiding the truck route. He also complained about loud running trucks passing through his neighborhood and disturbing the peace. Mayor McClary responded to Mr. Price and informed him that debris has been picked up in his area a couple of times previously; however, citizens have once again placed more debris in that area and the Town is working with limited resources and trying to service the entire town before returning to previously serviced areas. Chief Garrett provided the telephone number for Central Dispatch to Mr. Price for him to make a request for an officer to respond to his complaint about the loud vehicles traveling in his neighborhood.

**AirMedCare Representative Wes McAden, Jr. :** Mr. Wes introduced Meducare Membership Program to Council. The participating provider of AirMedCare Network provides air ambulance service that can help reduce time to the appropriate trauma center. He stated that the benefits of program are:

- No out of pocket expense in connection with your flight
- Peace of mind so you can focus on recovery
- Over 240 aircrafts locations
- Network extending out across 32 states
- Highly skilled nurses, medics and pilots ready 24 hours a day

Mr. Wes requested that Council review the information he provided them tonight and he would return and give a more formal presentation at their request.

**Pastor Edward Hardee** stood before Council and announced the Annual 911 Service Program for 2016 and invited all members of Council to attend. The program will be held on 9-11-2016 at the Andrews Pavilion beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**Jennifer Hunt 207 South Farr Avenue:** Ms. Hunt stood before Council stating that the Mobile Home Park on Martin Luther king Drive where trash and garbage is constantly being thrown out and left beside the road is the act of the owner of the Mobile Home Park Mr. Phillip Mixon. She presented Council with a picture taken by her at 8:00 a.m. this morning of debris at said location. She thanked Council for having the No Dumping sign placed at the said location since she addressed Council at the Town Council Meeting in July; however the debris remains beside the road. Ms. Hunt also stated that the debris she complained about on Elmwood Street during last month's meeting has not been removed

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and she offered her help if the Town needs assistance with debris pick-up. Mayor McClary responded to Ms. Hunt's complaints stating that the Town will have to deal directly with the property owners with regard to the illegal dumping of items that the Town is not responsible for picking up. Ms. Hunt asked if the property owner has been contacted. Mayor McClary stated that the property owner has been notified. Ms. Hunt volunteered her service to contact Mr. Mixon by knocking on his door. Mayor McClary informed Ms. Hunt that it is not protocol to have citizens contacting citizens about such matters. In closing, Ms. Hunt stated that she doesn't have a problem with contacting Mr. Mixon about the issue and that she is praying for him because if he doesn't fix the problem she knows that the Lord will fix it. She informed Council that her only goal is to help clean up and maintain a clean town to help attract more businesses to the area.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mrs. Dorsey presented Council with an update on the DHEC deadlines for August 2016. The installation of back flow prevention assemblies identified in the cross connection program has been in place since 2003. Each business has been required since 2003 to have backflow prevention assemblies installed and tested by a certified backflow specialist. Results are submitted annually to DHEC. The Town met the August 3, 2016 deadline to develop a complete system map, emergency plan and spare parts inventory. The water audit report for 2015 was submitted on August 3, 2016. Flows testing of the town's water hydrants are ongoing and are due by the end of the month. The First Patsy B. Greene Memorial Back to School Bash was successful. Over 400 back to school bags were distributed and she thanked the Mayor, Council, Town staff, all of the volunteers and donors for their support. Town Council members were presented with a list of events for their review and consideration for meeting dates and times. Mrs. Dorsey stated that she would like Town Council to come together and plan some type of relief effort to assist the flood victims of Baton Rouge Louisiana. She also congratulated Police Chief Melvyn Garrett on his recent promotion. It was announced that Helping Hands had 29 participants today in attendance to a Workforce Development Training event and 24 participants will be moving to the next stage of the program which will assist citizens in the employment arena. Council member Eddie Lee was presented with a certificate of completion of the MASC training program for Municipal Elected Officials.

### **Department Head Reports**

**Police Department:** Chief Garrett stated that an Active Shooter training was held at Town Hall on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Instructors from Georgetown County and Georgetown City discussed the difference between gross motor skills and fine motor skills, what happens to the body when the blood pressure becomes elevated, and how to survive an attack until the authorities arrive. It was announced that Officer David Powers will be entering field-training operations starting next week. Chief Garrett stated that he would like to host another Active Shooter Training in the near future and individuals interested in attending can contact him directly. Mayor McClary stated to Council that a couple of safety items were revealed through the Active Shooter Training that will need to be addressed as it pertains to the safety of Town employees.

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**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Bobby Barrineau stated that his department met for their monthly meeting on August 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Fire Marshal William Stockton attended the Grand Strand Fire Inspector's meeting for continued education. The department responded to 15 calls from July 21 to August 18, 2016. Members of the department assisted with the inspection of Fire Hydrants.

**Public Works:** Mayor McClary announced that the department has a new supervisor Mr. Fred Sumpter and new laborer Mr. Wadus Newton and possibly another new hire will be coming on board soon. It was mentioned that the department was working on a major leak repair today and some citizens on the Southside of Town were without water for a period of time. The department still faces many challenges but they are working diligently to meet the guidelines imposed by DHEC.

### Council's Report

**Council member Eddie Lee:** Mr. Lee stated that he assisted Public Works with a manhole issue at 4 Locust Street and the pump station located on Pine Street this month. He also assisted the Mayor and Administrator with securing easement documentation from various property owners who offered their assistance to the Town with its Infrastructure project. Mr. Lee recommended that the Town look into acquiring some work harnesses for the employees working on the trash truck as a safety measure. Mr. Lee stated that he attended and supported the Patsy B. Memorial Back to School Bash and it was a success.

**Council member Marva Session:** Mrs. Session posed the question, if implemented would a recycling program be a means of revenue for the Town? In response, Mayor McClary stated that he has requested that Mr. Sumpter conduct some research on the subject.

**Council member Mack E. Watford, Sr.:** No report.

**Council member Sudha Patel:** Council member Patel extended her congratulations to Chief Melvyn Garrett on his promotion and to Council member Lee on his completion of the MASC Municipal Elected Officials Training Program.

**Council member Terrance Middleton:** Council member Middleton extended his congratulations to the new police Chief, Mr. Melvyn Garrett. He made reference to two items that he requested of the Town's Attorney, Mr. Carter to research and provide feedback to Council. The first, prepare an ordinance for Council to review with regard to the proper burial of the deceased within the Town limits and the legality of a Mobile Home Park Owner regarding legal rights and regulations governing the ability to charge tenants for water services above and beyond the rate which he pays to the Town of Andrews. Mayor McClary informed council that he and the Town Clerk spoke to Mr. Carter and requested that he be able to address those issues tonight; however, due to unforeseen weather conditions Mr. Carter is not here tonight but he will provide the information to Council at their next meeting. Council member Middleton also mentioned that the Town is in bad condition with debris all over Town. He stressed his concerns to Mayor and Council to better manage this problem. Mayor McClary stated that the Town doesn't have the resources or man power to pick up items that the citizens are responsible for removing themselves and the Town must do a better job at holding its citizens responsible and enforce

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finer for not obeying the ordinances that are in place to govern such debris removal which is a challenge that the town faces. Council member Session made the suggestion that an interest committee be put in place to organize a clean-up day for the Town of Andrews.

**Council member David Tisdale:** No report.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor McClary informed the citizens of briefing that came from the South Carolina Disaster Office identifying the Town of Andrews as being the #1 Town in South Carolina being affected. Federal funds in the amount of \$65 million dollars have been approved to assist citizens in Georgetown and Williamsburg Counties. He has requested that the organization come to a Town Hall meeting and make a presentation to our citizens on the eligibility guidelines to receiving funds through the organization. In addition, the Eight Days of Hope Organization will be set up at the Jerusalem Center to offer their assistance to residents in Georgetown County.

Council Member Eddie Lee made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and was second by Council Member Marva Session.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Chaconas Parson, Town Clerk.