

TOWN OF ANDREWS
MONTHLY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING via Zoom/Facebook Live
101 NORTH MORGAN AVE.
ANDREWS, SC 29510
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

DUE TO CoVID19 (CORONAVIRUS) AND IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES, THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE PHYSICALLY UNAVAILABLE TO ATTENDEES. THE MEETING WILL BE BROADCASTED VIA FACEBOOK LIVE FROM THE TOWN OF ANDREWS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PAGE. ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA TOA EOC FACEBOOK MESSENGER APP. BY 4PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**
- 6. MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 7. FINANCIAL REPORT: KENNETH COBB AND COMPANY; MRS. BRENDA JACKSON, CPA**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. 1st Reading Ordinance Number 2020-08: Proposed Fee Schedule for International Code Council Building Valuation Data**
- 9. COUNCIL'S REPORTS**
- 10. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (A)**

Town Council may take action during the evening Town Council meeting on matters Discussed in Executive Session.

 - Police Department Personnel matters: S.C. Code. §30-4-70 (a) (1)**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

**Monthly Town Council Meeting
Via Zoom/Facebook Live
Thursday, October 15, 2020 6:00 p.m.
101 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC**

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 scheduled to be broadcasted via Facebook Live from the Town of Andrews Emergency Operations Center page. However, Facebook and Zoom has not been able to reach a working agreement as of yesterday, therefore we are unable to broadcast via Facebook Live. We just learned of this information minutes prior to our meeting time and we apologize for the inconvenience.

The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Mayor Frank McClary presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. due to technical difficulties

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 James E. Altman
Council Member Robert Stamper

Council Member Robert Stamper was excused from the meeting to respond to a 911 call involving a house fire.

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince to approve the minutes from the Thursday, September 17, 2020 Town Council Meeting with the following corrections: Page 3 Council Member Eddie Lee no report changed to state Council Member Eddie Lee no comments; and under the Adjournment section change Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee to Council Member Eddie Lee. **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.**

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 September 30, 2020.

New Business

1st Reading Ordinance Number 2020-08: Proposed Fee Schedule for International Code Council Building Valuation Data. Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2020-08 a Proposed Ordinance to revise permit fee schedules for building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and related work performed in the Town of Andrews South Carolina. **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.**

Council Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince spoke about the Mayor's authority granting him the ability to cancel the Annual Trunk A Treat along Main Street due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and the current laws in place requiring social distance guidelines to help protect citizens and he extended his full support behind the Mayor's decision to cancel this event. He requested staff members speak on the current status of big trucks traveling thru the town. Mayor McClary stated that he would address both issues during the Mayor's report.

Council Member Angela Anderson asked if citizens were allowed to place announcements on the Town of Andrews Emergency Operations Center page. Mayor McClary stated that no promotional type information can be broadcasted on the page however, business related announcements can be submitted for consideration.

Council Member Amy Flagler requested an update on the water leak and repair work that is currently underway on the corner of West Main and South Farr Avenue. Mayor McClary stated that the repair work has been delayed because the public works department is waiting for Frontier to complete the required digging in order to protect their fiber optic cables. The town doesn't want to take this unnecessary risk to perform the digging because any damage sustained to the cables would cost the town at a minimum of \$10,000.00.

Council Member James Altman raised the question on rather has the Town has been successful with requesting additional funding from Georgetown County for the service rendered by the Andrews Fire Department regarding the department responding to calls outside of their jurisdiction. Mayor McClary said the Town of Andrews submitted an invoice last budget cycle to the county requesting an increase;

however, the Town still only received \$35,000.00. The amount received is only a third of the cost to operate the department annually. The Andrews Fire department is currently using its personnel and equipment to service a six-mile radius of the County's area. The County continues to provide only \$35,000.00 annually as it has for the past 35 years for this service. In addition, he requested an update on the construction process of the Municipal Complex and a status report on the FOIA that was submitted to the County. Mayor McClary stated that the Town submitted information to the county concerning the funds raised from the 2014 One Cent Sales Tax Referendum. The information was related to the guidelines outlined in the States One Cent Sales Tax Act, Georgetown County Ordinance Number 2014-208 and a letter providing the Attorney General's opinion in a similar case on how the funds were to be distributed. The law states the five approved projects under the referendum are to be fully funded before any other projects are funded. The Town is currently awaiting a response from the County. The construction process is underway for the Municipal Complex. Demolition of the old Fire Department is almost complete. Preparations for the new foundation have begun and the project is still projected to be completed by October 2021.

Council Member Eddie Lee reported that he made contact with the owner of property located on the corner of Clifford Street and Hwy 521 East and requested that they cut down the tall grass at this location. He personally removed a patch of tall grass on the corner of Elmwood Street and Railroad Avenue to provide a clear view of visibility to drivers. He also cut down a rotten tree on Cactus Street. He was instrumental in getting SC DOT to apply asphalt on Redwood Avenue. Lastly, he stated that he provided Mayor McClary with additional drawings of the Town's Infrastructure.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince stated that his family will be sponsoring a Christmas Door Decorating Contest. The judging will be held on December 18th and the winner will be announced and awarded a prize.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary stated that all roads and Highways are governed by the State. The state has signs at each entrance into the Town directing all trucks to utilize the by-pass and avoid driving thru town. However, drivers that live in the town and or conducting business locally have been permitted to do so. The Andrews Police Department will be enforcing the law and issuing citations to violators. He reminded all that the Town of Andrews infrastructure is not very stable and that there is a lot of underground clay pipes which some have already collapsed because of the condition of the infrastructure. The Town has requested that SC DOT change the weight classification on certain roads to help ensure the safety of our citizens. In addition, street signs, fire hydrants, utility poles and the power box located on the corner of Morgan and Main Street have all sustained damage from big trucks coming thru the town. Fall cleanup will be held in November for the Town of Andrews. The date for the fall cleanup will be announced at a later date. During the fall cleanup the town staff will be coming around to pick up small yard -debris. The annual Trunk A Treat along Main Street is canceled for 2020 due to the current social distance guidelines set by the state and local ordinances as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic to keep people safe. The Town is currently not issuing permits for large gatherings. In his closing the Mayor stated that he met last week with the engineers who will be constructing the new water outfall for the town. The new water fall will

help reroute 40% of the water that flows between Magnolia Avenue and Popular Avenue basins to the Johnson Swamp basin which is projected to drastically reduce the current drainage problems in town.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bradley Prince and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to enter into an executive session pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70 (A) to discuss Police Department Personnel matters. S.C. Code. §30-4-70 (a) (1).

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to come out of executive session. **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.**

Mayor Frank McClary announced that no decisions were made during Executive Session.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Council Member Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member James Altman Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Town Council Meeting minutes submitted by Town Clerk Chaconas Parson.