

TOWN OF ANDREWS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT SUB-STATION COURT ROOM

110 NORTH MORGAN AVE,

ANDREWS, SC 29510

JANUARY 21, 2010 @ 6:00PM

AGENDA

- 1) SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**
- 2) INVOCATION**
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4) ROLL CALL**
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 6) MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS -- FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 7) CITIZENS COMMENTS (3 MINUTES ONLY)**
- 8) ADOPTION OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROCLAMATION**
- 9) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
- 10) NEW BUSINESS**
1ST READING -- FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE
- 11) OLD BUSINESS**
- 12) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 13) COUNCIL'S REPORT**
- 14) MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 15) ADJOURNMENT**

Town of Andrews

Monthly Town Council Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Sheriff's Sub-Station

110 N Morgan Ave, Andrews, SC

The Town of Andrews met for their monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Preceding the monthly Council Meeting, Mayor Rodney Giles swore in re-elected Council Members Thomas Alford, Michael Shaw and Sid Ackerman. After the ceremony, Mayor Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Invocation was rendered by Reverend Eddie Shaw.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Town Officials Present:

Mayor Rodney Giles
Council Member Terrance Middleton
Council Member Patsy Greene (late)
Council Member Sid Ackerman
Council Member Thomas Alford
Council Member Michael Shaw
Council Member Angela Anderson (late)

After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Michael Shaw and was seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2009 Council Meeting. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Ackerman-yes, Alford-yes, Shaw-yes, and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments for this meeting.

Adoption of Proclamation and Resolution

Mayor Giles asked Council Members if they had reviewed the proclamation. Council Member Michael Shaw made the motion to adopt the Boy Scouts of America Proclamation and was seconded by Council Member Sid Ackerman. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Alford-yes, Shaw-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Giles briefly explained the resolution concerning state transportation options. Council Member Thomas Alford made the motion to adopt the Resolution in Support of Transportation Options for the State of South Carolina and was seconded by Council Member Michael Shaw. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Alford-yes, Shaw-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Appearing Before Council

Ms. Wanda Charping, CPA Accountant was present to give updates on the Town finances. She presented Council with two packets, one for the General Fund and one for the Water & Sewer. She stated that overall the Town is right on budget. Revenues are a little below budget in Water and Sewer and salaries are a little over budget. The operating expenses are \$73,000 under budget. The only concern right now is the volume charge for the sewer system which more than doubled mainly due to the excessive amount of rainfall. The General Fund is running in a deficit right now, but the tax revenues are just starting to come in. The real income is greater than budgeted, which is good news.

Council Member Shaw asked Ms. Charping about making sure the audits stay on track. She stated that Ms. Waites received a copy of the request for the proposal and she approved it so they will be sending it to two services that handle this with the stipulation that they must respond by March 15th. Once the auditors are approved the Town will also request the '09 budget be completed by the end of May and the '10 budget by the end of October.

Council Member Thomas Alford questioned the outcome of installing meters in the Italy area that belonged to Mr. Walter Hurell. Supervisor Eddie Shaw stated that a lot of the customers moved when they started to have to pay water/sewer bills. Mr. Shaw stated it would take a while to see the profit. Council Member Middleton questioned the policy of the mobile home parks disconnecting water to their customers. Mr. Shaw stated legally that the owner can not disconnect the customer's water. Council Member Middleton also asked about the rates the mobile home owners charge and if the Town could control this. After discussion there were no decisions made.

Mayor Giles asked Public Works Supervisor if he had anything for Council. Mr. Shaw requested to put the chipper on Gov Deal to sell. It was bought at \$24,000 but the value now is approximately \$14,000. He informed Council that the vacuum truck has been down and it will cost \$21,000 dollars to repair it. The company wants \$14,000 dollars down and will let the Town pay the balance in installments. After discussion, Council Member Michael Shaw made the motion for the Administrator to put the chipper

on Gov Deals with a minimum bid of \$14,000. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Alford-yes, Shaw-yes, Anderson-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Shaw also wanted to give Mayor and Council an update on work being done by Public Works. He stated they had finished a job on a 2" force main sewer line that affected the south side of Town. They had to cut the line in several places to be able to unclog it. They are also cutting water off for non payment and will finish the list on Monday. Council Member Middleton questioned what the money for the camera truck that was sold was used for. He stated he wanted that money to be used for much needed equipment. Mr. Shaw stated it was probably used to pay bills being money has been so low; however, a digital camera was purchased for the department.

Mayor asked Police Chief Knox if he had anything to report. He stated he had put everything on his report that was in the Council packets.

New Business

Mayor and Council had the first reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Council Member Middleton made the motion to approve the 1st reading of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Mayor Giles asked for a roll call: Middleton-yes, Greene-yes, Ackerman-yes, Alford-yes, Shaw-yes, Anderson-yes and Mayor Giles-yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at this meeting.

Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Chelice Waites stated that she put a copy of the True Up and True Down Audits in their packets. The True Up's \$21,000 owed from the Georgetown County Water & Sewer District to the Town can be applied to the Lift Station Upgrades. The Town owes the City of Georgetown \$4,500 as a result of the True Down Audit.

Ms. Waites informed Council she had spoken with Grace Brock, who is helping the Town with grant writing. As of today there have been three grant applications submitted.

One is to the Waccamaw Community Foundation in request of \$50,000. She also submitted one through Fema for Safer Staffing Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant for the Fire Department. Ms. Brock is also finishing the grant from JAG for the Police Department which \$14,895 has already been allocated for the Police Department pending receiving the grant application on time.

There are a couple of grants that she could apply for but the deadline was near. Mrs. Waites talked with the Mayor and gave her the OK to apply for those grants.

Administrator Waites informed Mayor and Council that the State of Ethics forms are due by April 15th. Also she wanted to thank Wanda Charping for her donation of \$200 towards the ribbon for Main Street in honor of our troops.

Council Report

Council Member Shaw wanted to thank the Police Chief and his officers for enforcing the law concerning people parking in handicapped parking spaces.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Giles stated that he wanted to thank everyone for supporting the ceremony sending off our troops. He stated there was a great turn out for this ceremony. He also wanted to thank Council Member Greene for her time and hard work getting all the bows done.

Mayor Giles informed Council that they needed to elect a new Mayor Pro Tem as Mrs. Anderson's term was up. Council Member Ackerman made the motion to nominate Council Member Alford. Council Member Middleton made the motion to close the nominations and appoint Council Member Alford as Mayor Pro Tem and was seconded by Council Member Anderson. Mayor Giles asked for I's to approve and there were all I's; so motion carried. At this time Council Member Alford took the chair of Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Middleton asked about the Williamsburg County Project. Mayor Giles stated they are still working on it. He just met with Mr. Darby, Jack Whiteside and Frank Brockington concerning supplying water to Williamsburg County. Council Member Middleton stated the Town needs to stay on top of this and the Mayor agreed.

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Adjournment

Council Member Michael Shaw made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Council Member Sid Ackerman at 7:17 pm. All in favor, motion carried.