

**Town of Andrews**  
**Council Meeting**  
Sheriff's Department Sub-Station Courtroom  
110 North Morgan Avenue  
Andrews, SC 29510  
Thursday, February 20, 2014  
6:00 PM

**AMENDED Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2014
- V. Monthly Bank Statements: For information only
- VI. Citizen Comments (Three (3) minutes only)  
-Ansell Coker
- VII. Old Business
  - First Reading Ordinance 03-2014: Per diems for business trips
- VIII. New Business
  - First Reading: Ordinance 01-2014: Andrews Town Council Stipend Ordinance
  - First Reading: Ordinance 02-2014: Building Code Adoption
  - Storm Debris Recovery Agreement (Mutual Aid Agreement)
- IX. Appearance(s):
  - Mr. Thomas Alford, Andrews Veteran's Association
- X. Administrator's Report
- XI. Council's Report
- XII. Department Head Reports
- XIII. Mayor's Report
- XIV. Executive Session
  - Legal matters:
  - Contractual Matters: Town Property
  - Personnel Matters: Police Department
- XV. Adjourn

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**Public Hearing/Regular Town Council Meeting  
Thursday February 20, 2014**

**Sheriff's Substation**

**110 N Morgan Ave. Andrews, SC**

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The Town of Andrews met for their Monthly Town Council Meeting on Thursday February 20, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Mr. Lee McClary  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

**Town Officials Present:**

Council Member Mattie McGee  
Council Member Angela Anderson  
Council Member David Tisdale  
Council Member Sudah Patel  
Council Member Eddie Lee  
Mayor Rodney Giles

Motion was made by Council Member David Tisdale and seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2014 Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

\*Council Member Patsy Greene entered into the meeting\*

**Citizen Comments**

**Ansell Coker** a citizen of 806 S. Beech Avenue stood before Mayor and council stating that he knows over the last couple weeks we have been experiences issues with low water pressure within the town. Mr. Coker stated that his problems began last year and has continued to get worse. He stated that with low water

pressure if a fire broke out it will be almost impossible to get water to where it needs to be in a timely fashion within his area. He continued that he thought it was an ordinance prohibiting trucks from traveling through Main Street, and if so what happened to it. Mr. Coker finished by adding that he remembers when Andrews was a town that was booming with business and now everything is either closed or run down. Mr. Coker asked what we need to do as a community to build this town back up to the way it once used to be. Council Member Sudah Patel and Council Member Eddie Lee gathered Mr. Coker's information and stated that they will get with council and mayor to determine what needs to be done in regards to his questions and concerns.

**Amy Pinckney Flagler** came before mayor and council stating that she is a resident of 8 S. Beech Ave and she has a concern as to when the debris pickup will begin? Mrs. Flagler also wanted to know what the total rebate would consist of for Andrews's customers who experienced water pressure issues. Mrs. Flagler also addressed the situation of mayor and council asking for a stipend increase. She stated that the town needs a lot of work and until the residents see a difference there should be no stipend increase imposed to Mayor and Council. Council Member Sudah Patel and Council Member Eddie Lee also gathered Mrs. Pinckney's information for further review.

**Terrence Middleton** stood before mayor and council with concerns regarding the stipend increase that Mayor and Council have requested. Mr. Middleton asked do Mayor and Council really deserve a raise when projects have went undone, sidewalks are in need of repairing, some roadways are in horrible shape, and employees have not gotten all of the raise that was voted on. Mr. Middleton stated that the streets haven't been swept in so long, and public works department are in need of equipment as well as manpower. Mr. Middleton finished by stating that once council and mayor get some of the projects underway then it would be possible to ask for a raise.

**Samuel Marsh** came before mayor and council in regards to some of the issues that was addressed previously. Mr. Marsh stated that the town does not have sufficient amount of employees to get things done like they used to. Mr. Marsh finished by saying if the town employs the right amount of workers and some of the projects get completed then mayor and council will have the right of way to ask for a raise.

### **Old Business**

**First Reading Ordinance 03-2014: Per diems for business trips:** Council Member Mattie McGee made a motion to adopt the First Reading of Ordinance 03-2014: Per diems for business trips, the motion was seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee. Council Member McGee; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudah Patel; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Green; Yes, Mayor Giles; Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

### **New Business**

**First Reading: Ordinance 01-2014: Andrews Town Council Stipend Ordinance:** Council Member Mattie McGee made a motion to table the ordinance, the motion was seconded by Council Member Sudah Patel. Council Member McGee; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; No, Council Member Sudah Patel; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Green; Yes, Mayor Giles; Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

**First Reading: Ordinance 02-2014: Building Code Adoption:** Council Member Angela Anderson made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 02-2014: Building Code adoption, the motion was seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene. Council Member McGee; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudah Patel; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Green; Yes, Mayor Giles; Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Storm Debris Recovery Agreement (Mutual Aid Agreement):** Council Member Greene made a motion to adopt the Mutual Aid Agreement, the motion was seconded by council member Angela Anderson. Council Member McGee; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Sudah Patel; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Green; Yes, Mayor Giles; Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Appearance(s)**

Thomas Alford a chairman of the Veterans Association came before mayor and council in regards to Andrews Veterans Association request to lease a portion of the Railroad bed park located on Martin Luther King Blvd. Mr. Alford stated that this is a worthy cause and he thinks it will bring good tourism and revenue to the

town. Mr. Alford stated that it is only a sketch at the moment and it is subject to change. Thomas Alford thanked Mayor, Council and citizens for their time.

#### **Administrator's Report**

Administrator Mauretta Dorsey appeared before mayor and council in regards to Trinity Christian Academy main street fun run on Saturday March 8, 2014 at 10:00a.m. Mrs. Dorsey stated that SCDOT will be taking care of storm debris and urge all citizens to pull the debris to the right of way as employees will not be able to enter into private property. Mrs. Dorsey further urged citizens to find out what agencies have assistance available. Mrs. Dorsey continued that council member Eddie Lee suggested battery operated traffic lights to help with controlling traffic during a power outage. Mrs. Dorsey added that everyone should govern themselves accordingly when it comes to another ice storm that is in the forecast. Mrs. Dorsey finished by stating that any account that is disconnected for non-payment under no circumstances are customers to manually turn services back on. There will be a meter tampering fee in the amount of \$500.00 for every violation.

#### **Council Report**

Council Member Mattie McGee addressed Mayor and council and citizens concerning items needed to take with you to a shelter. Mrs. McGee stressed that it is very important to take your medications, blankets, and flashlights with you as well as other important documents. Mrs. Mattie thanked Pastor Deshawn Rouse of Spirit-Filled Ambassadors for Christ Church for the lovely meal he provided to citizens during the power outage.

Council Member Sudah Patel added that there have some new business that have opened within the town and she thinks it is a great idea to visit them and welcome them here. Sudah Patel stated that she donated her first check to the Andrews Rotary Club and she is also treating Town employees to a BBQ luncheon. Council Member Patsy Greene stated that Helping Hands will be available at Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9am-11am for anyone who needs help with utility assistance or vouchers.

Council Member David Tisdale stated that any citizens who have questions or concerns should come to council meetings to address issues as they happen and to not wait around.

Council Member Angela Anderson stated that she would like to see the community host family night and to come together on various summer projects for the coming summer season.

#### **Department Heads**

Mr. Rob Stamper who is the assistant fire chief thanked everyone for volunteering during the ice storm. He stated that it has been a busy week for everyone and he thanks everyone for their support.

#### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Giles thanked everyone for their help and support during the ice storm. Mayor Giles also urged citizens to take photos of any damage that occurred just in case FEMA request it. Mayor Giles also thanked the Police Department as well as Joyce for their quick action during a recent robbery in which the owner was shot. Mayor Giles finished by stating that we are a small town so we have to come together to get things done.

#### **Executive Session**

Council Member Angela Anderson made a motion to enter into Executive Session, the motion was seconded Council Member Patsy Greene.

Council Member Angela Anderson made a motion to come out of Executive Session, the motion was seconded by Council Member Eddie Lee. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Wanda Charping**

Town Accountant came before mayor and council stating that the town is financially sound at the moment, so there is no immediate concern. Ms. Charping continued that the budget has a few concerns that should have been reworked before submitting. Mrs. Charping added that the volume charges are way over budget due to so much rain we have experienced lately. Wanda added that anyone who has questions or concerns to please give her a call.

Council Member Angela Anderson made a motion to resend the previous motion for the pay increase for the interim Police Chief position, the motion was seconded by Council Member Sudha Patel. Council Member McGee; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Absent, Council Member Sudha Patel; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Green; Yes, Mayor Giles; Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Angela Anderson made a motion to increase the Interim Police Chief pay to \$250.00 per month which will be \$125.00 each pay period. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sudah Patel. Council Member McGee; Yes, Council Member Eddie Lee; Absent, Council Member Sudah Patel; Yes, Council Member Angela Anderson; Yes, Council Member David Tisdale; Yes, Council Member Patsy Green; Yes, Mayor Giles; Yes. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Adjournment**

Council Member Angela Anderson made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Council Member Mattie McGee.

Council Meeting minutes submitted by Keeya Cumbee