

**Town of Andrews**  
**Council Meeting**  
Sheriff's Department Sub-Station Courtroom  
110 North Morgan Avenue  
Andrews, SC 29510  
Thursday, September 19, 2013  
6:00 PM

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Roll Call**
- V. Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2013**
- VI. Monthly Bank Statements: For information only**
- VII. Citizen Comments (Three (3) minutes only)**
- VIII. Appearance(s):**
- IX. Old Business**
- X. New Business**
- XI. Administrator's Report**
- XII. Council's Report**
- XIII. Department Head Reports**
- XIV. Mayor's Report**
- XV. Executive Session**
  - Legal matters: FOIA requests
  - Personnel Matters
  - Contractual Matters
- XVI. Adjourn**

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**Public Hearing/Regular Town Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 19, 2013**

**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 September 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Rodney Giles presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Invocation was rendered by Council Member Thomas Alford  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

**Town Officials Present:**

Mayor Rodney Giles  
Council Member Angela Anderson  
Council Member Thomas Alford  
Council Member Mattie McGee  
Council Member David Tisdale  
Council Member Patsy Green  
Council Member Sid Ackerman

After roll call, motion was made by Council Member Thomas Alford and seconded by Council Member Patsy Greene to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2013 Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

**Citizen's Comment**

**Donald Parsons** appeared before mayor and council in regards to the rental home located on 410 N. Farr Avenue. He stated that he has been the martial arts director for Sessou Martial Arts for 6 years. Mr. Parsons explained to council that he would like to acquire the existing property and bring it up to code, or tear it

down and replace with a building. He added that the house would be used strictly for the organization, and not for any other purposes. He continued on that he would like more information as to rather it would be a simple lease or would the city donate the property. Mayor Giles stated to Mr. Parsons that they would need something in writing pertaining to his purpose for the property, and that they will be able to discuss the matter more thoroughly. Mr. Parson agreed to get mayor and council the information that is needed. He stated that the sooner he gets an answer from us he will know what to do next. He concluded by stating that if he is granted the property that there are legal matters to address.

Appearing before mayor and council is Greg Bennett of the American Legion Post. He stated that they have a tradition called the Law and Order Program where they honor the Police Officers, Firefighters, and EMT's. He added that throughout the year if you witness any types of kindness, bravery, or heroism as part of helping someone or saving a life to contact the organization and they will reward the individual or department accordingly. He stated that on 9/11 he called up to the City of New York and spoke with the Fire Commissioner who was pleased to hear that The Town of Andrews was holding a 9/11 commemoration. The Fire Commissioner was very pleased and as a result sent The Town a plaque that will be given out at a later date. Mr. Bennett thanked everyone for a job well done and that he appreciates what is being done in The Town. He concluded by saying that if you know of anyone exhibiting the above characteristics to please don't hesitate to call the organization.

#### **Appearing before Council**

Accountant Wanda Charping appeared before mayor and council stating that concerning Water/Sewer the volume charges are extremely high, and that we will have to keep a definite eye on it. Ms. Charping explained that we have had an excess of rain over the last couple of months and that could play a major part in the high volume charges. She stated that any input on what could be done in the future will be greatly appreciated. Ms. Charping concluded her report.

#### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business up for discussion

#### **New Business**

There was no New Business up for discussion

### **Administrator's Report**

Town Administrator Mauretta Dorsey appeared before mayor and council stating that on August 17, 2013 The Town held its Back to School Festival and it was a great success. Mrs. Dorsey thanked everyone for their participation. She continued that on September 5<sup>th</sup> she as well as a few members from council attended a Regional Advocacy meeting held by the Municipal Association of SC and there are a few laws that will be coming out soon that will affect the Town. She stated that there are a few dilapidated structures within the Town that will have to be addressed; mainly the old gas station located on Morgan Avenue. Mrs. Dorsey stated that we had a visit from Mr. Bill Cromer concerning workers compensation to see where we are and if we are in compliance with state laws. Mrs. Dorsey stated that we did receive a passing grade but there will be an increase in the workers compensation premium in the coming 2014 calendar year. On September 24, 2013 Mrs. Dorsey attended Andrews Elementary School to read a book to several class rooms as part of the United Way day of caring. Mrs. Dorsey continued that on October 4, 2013 Andrews High School will be holding their homecoming parade as well as 1<sup>st</sup> year tailgating kick off. Mrs. Dorsey concluded stating that she applauds Pastor Hardee and his church organization for a job well done with the commemoration ceremony for 9/11 held on September 8, 2013.

### **Council Report**

**Council Member Thomas Alford** stood before mayor and council stating that the the Veterans Association will hold its annual Veterans Parade on November 2, 2013. Mr. Alford stated that the keynote speaker for the event will be Retiree Lt. Gilbert McManus. Mr. Alford stated that this will be a great event and would like everyone to attend if possible. He concluded that Gregg Bennett is the secretary for the Veterans Association and he does a great job making sure that everything is running as smooth as possible.

**Council Member Sid Ackerman** stood before mayor and council stating also that the 9/11 ceremony was a great success with a record turnout. Mr. Ackerman stated that he thanks everyone for the turnout and participation.

**Council Member Patsy Greene** came before mayor and council thanking everyone for the turnout for the Back to School Fest and for everyone's participation in her absence. Ms. Green gave a special thanks to Eliza Cumbee and Pastor Hardee for their continued support. Ms. Greene concluded that the basketball goal will be installed soon at the park located on Jones Avenue.

### **Department Head Report**

Chief Joseph Cooper stood before mayor and council stating that the department is working as should, and he commends the department on a recent event in which quick thinking and fast action prevented a serious accident from occurring. Chief Cooper stated that things sometime happen that's out of our control so it's best to have the proper training and knowledge to handle certain situations. Chief Cooper stated that on November 2, 2013 there will be a gang awareness program located at the Andrews Recreational Facility from 2pm-4pm. Chief Cooper continued that he as well as the department will go around to different locations teaching about gang awareness.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Rodney Giles stood before council thanking Pastor Hardee and his organization for a great 9/11 service. Mayor Giles also thanked Woodmen of The World for a great service as well. Mayor continued that he attended a Zoning Board meeting, and each new member has to take at least 6 hours of training to become qualified. He stated that the training is very intense because it covers every aspect of zoning. Mayor Giles continued that the town has acquired funds to give back to the community and businesses that are really flourishing in the town. Mayor Giles stated that the Halloween festival is approaching, and that invitations will be going out to everyone. Mayor Giles added that he met with the museum staff and they have a few good things going on there as well. Melissa Moscow stood on behalf of the museum and stated that the museum is open from 1pm-4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays if anyone would like to visit.

### **Executive Session**

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

Council Member Angela Anderson made a motion to come out of Executive Session that was seconded by Council Member Thomas Alford

\*There was no decision rendered in Executive Session\*

### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned

Council Meeting minutes were submitted by Keeya Cumbee.