

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ANDREWS
BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
FEBRUARY 8, 2005
7:00PM**

Mayor Rhinehardt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Members present were: Alderman Reid, Alderman Phillips and Alderman Hogsed. Alderman Jordan was not present. also present were Town Attorney M. Ellen Davis and Town Clerk Bill Green.

ITEM 2

Upon Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Phillips, the agenda was approved as presented.

ITEM 3

Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Phillips to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2005 meeting as presented.

ITEM 4 – REPORTS

The financing rates and delivery dates for the proposed new garbage truck were discussed. It was also reported that if one hundred and fifty new sanitation customers were to be added to the system, the revenue from these new customers would be sufficient to make the payments for the new truck. Pending future information on rates and new customers, no action was taken.

ITEM 5 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was noted at this time.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

- A. First on the Agenda was a report from Sandy Dobson, CPA on the audit of the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Miss Dobson was unable to attend due to sickness, but the report was received and reviewed. It was noted that again due to the small staff size that extra care should be taken to review the purchases made by the town and all payments made.

- B. Next was a budget amendment to assist with decorations for the Centennial celebration and to purchase new decorations for Main Street at Christmas. Motion by Alderman Phillips to provide \$5,000 for the Centennial and \$5,000 for the decorations with the funds to come from Fund Balance. Second by Alderman Hogsed. Motion carried.

- C. Next was official acceptance of a bid by J & P Tree Surgeons (Johnny Jones) for tree removal at the Recreation Park at a price of \$2,250.00. Motion to accept the J & P bid by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Hogsed. Motion carried.

- D. Next was Mr. Wendell Hedden, Chairman of the Andrews Board Of Adjustment to request that the Town of Andrews enact a moratorium on zoning permits for tattoo parlors and “adult establishments” within the corporate limits of Andrews for a twelve (12) month period. Mr. Hedden advised that Cherokee County had enacted the moratorium on February 7, 2005 and that the Town of Murphy had scheduled action for their next meeting on this subject. This moratorium will enable both Towns and Cherokee County adequate time to study and develop ordinances concerning the proper and orderly operation as well as the locations that such establishments would be able to locate in any jurisdiction. Motion to approve this moratorium by Alderman Hogsed. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.

- E. Next was the agenda was the proposed personnel policy for the the Town of Andrews. Town Attorney M. Ellen Davis advised the Board that she had several corrections and changes that she felt should be made to the proposed policy. Motion by Alderman Reid to table the Personnel Policy until such a time as the changes and corrections were in place. Second by Alderman Hogsed. Motion carried.
- F. Next on the Agenda was Check signing Officials. This was also tabled until a later time.

Before the Board entered into Executive Session an Open Forum period was announced. Mrs. Geraldine Bateman spoke concerning the termite problem in the meeting room and the condition of the rest rooms. Mrs. Bateman asked when the termite problem would be corrected and if something could be done to keep the rest rooms in a cleaner condition that is currently being done. Mrs. Bateman was assured that the termite problem was to be corrected by pest control people and that steps would be taken to make sure the rest rooms were kept clean.

Michael Truett spoke to the Board saying that automobiles were traveling too fast on Main Street, not enough was being done to improve the economics of the town and health care should be improved in the Town of Andrews. Mr. Truett was assured that more attention would be given to the speed of automobiles on Main Street, but that economic development and providing adequate health care were not something the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor could have an immediate impact on. It was pointed out by citizens in attendance that much work had been done to get an Urgent Care facility in Andrews but that insurance costs for such a facility were very high and finding physicians willing to provide such a service were not easy to find. It was also pointed out that Cherokee County has an Economic Development Commission charged with trying to improve the number and types of jobs available in Cherokee County and the Town of Andrews and that it would be foolish to duplicate these efforts already underway.

Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Hogsed to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Hogsed to go back into regular session. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Reid to name Leslie (Bud) Eads as Chief of Police for the Town of Andrews at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion by Alderman Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Mitch Rhinehardt, Mayor

Bill Green, Town Clerk