

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF ANDREWS  
BOARD MEETING  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
MARCH 9, 2004  
7:00 PM**

Mayor Rhinehardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were: Alderman Jordan, Alderman Reid, Alderman Phillips and Alderman Hogsed.

Also present were town Attorney M. Ellen Davis and Town Clerk Bill Green.

**ITEM 2**

Upon motion by Alderman Phillips and second by Alderman Reid Item 6-J was added the agenda.

**ITEM 3**

Upon motion by Alderman Phillips and second by Alderman Hogsed, the Minutes of the February 10, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

**ITEM 4 - REPORTS**

In a report from Bill Green concerning the addition project at the Andrews Public Library, the Library Board is preparing to award a construction contract to Aldridge Brothers of Robbinville, NC to make the existing breeze way into the new computer lab. This will allow the areas now used for computers to be returned to their original uses and will provide more room for the computer users. This project was funded from variety of sources, which includes the Town of Andrews, Cherokee County, the Ferebee Foundation and other sources.

## **ITEM 5 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to consider at this time.

## **ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS**

- A. First item was establishing a date to advertise un-paid property taxes for the 2003 tax year. Motion by Alderman Reid to advertise un-paid taxes over \$10.00 the first week of May 2004. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.
- B. Next was a request from Chautauga AVE for \$500.00 to Pay for the banners promoting the April 17, 2004 Street Fair and Craft Show. Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Hogsed to contribute \$500.00 for this purpose with the understanding that vendors will only be charged \$10.00 for each booth and churches and non-profits will not be charged.
- C. Next was a request from staff to establish a policy for water Customers who are on cut-off lists for non-payment for three consecutive lists, that they will now be required to pay all charges in full before service will be restored. Motion by alderman Hogsed and second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.
- D. Next was a resolution asking NC DOT to place as Priority Number one and two for sidewalk construction, Locust Street from the rest area to downtown as number one and Fairview Road as number two. It is understood that the Fairview roadwork will go as far as the budgeted funds will allow. Motion by Alderman Jordan and second by Alderman Reid to file this resolution. Motion carried.

- E. Next was request by the Andrews High School Glee Club to Close First Street and use Hall park for a concert on April 25, 2004. Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Phillips to close First Street for this concert. Motion carried.
- F. Next was a reassignment of Aldermen for oversight of the Various departments of the Town. Motion by Alderman Phillips and second by Alderman Jordan to assign Alderman Reid to the Recreation Department and assign Alderman Hogsed to the Police Department. Motion carried.
- G. Next was a request from Alderman Jordan to be replaced as An authorized official to sign checks and financial instruments for the Town Andrews due to his being away on business for much of the time. Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Phillips to assign Alderman Hogsed as the second town official to be authorized to sign checks and financial instruments for the Town of Andrews. Motion carried.
- H. Next was a request from the Andrews Recreation Advisory Board to name John Paul Wood as a board member to replace Roger Holloway who has asked to be retired from the board. Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.
- I. Next was Mr. Hugh Rayburn addressing the Board of Aldermen and passing out prepared packets to the Board members concerning the Andrews Housing Authority. Mr. Rayburn presented the seven (7) requests that the “old Andrews Housing Authority Board” was requesting from the Mayor and the current Board and to tell the Aldermen that was no intention what-so-ever of involving the Town of Andrews in any legal action that would cause harm to the town. Mr. Rayburn made the following statement: “No matter what the outcome, there will be no winners, but there will be a loser, the community”.

J. Next was Open Forum. Alderman Hogsed spoke to the Assembled citizens concerning the altercation on March 6, 2003. Alderman Hogsed apologized to Mayor Rhinehardt and the citizens of Andrews for not “turning the other cheek” on that day. The discussion then ranged back and forth as citizens and Board members talked, asked questions and answered questions concerning past actions, the Andrews Housing Authority, attorneys, etc. It was pointed that Green and Associates of Franklin, NC was an outside accountant that performed the accounting for the Andrews Housing Authority in the past and that Mr. Shepherd of HUD in Greensboro has stated in the past that things were “good” with the Andrews Housing Authority. The discussion moved to questions being asked of Mayor Rhinehardt about what, who or if an investigation was really going to be performed. When Mayor Rhinehardt started to answer the question, Chief of Police Hardin stood and advised Mayor Rhinehardt to speak no further about the subject because there was an open investigation concerning the Andrews Housing Authority, he (the Mayor) should have no further comment concerning an investigation.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon Motion by Alderman Hogsed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Mitch Rhinehardt, Mayor

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Bill Green, Town Clerk