

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ANDREWS
BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
MAY 11, 2004
7:00 PM**

Mayor Rhinehardt called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Reid and Second by Alderman Phillips the Agenda was amended by adding the following items:

- G. Margaret Pressley – Andrews Housing Authority issues
- H. Greg Long – Andrews Rescue Squad
- I. Larry Dailey _ Railroad crossings in the Town of Andrews
- J. Ted Scott – Zoning issues
- K. Purchase of playground equipment for Ferebee Park

ITEM 3

Upon Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Phillips, the Minutes of the April 13, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

ITEM 4 – REPORTS

Mayor Rhinehardt reported on the meetings being held with Cherokee County concerning the Hazards Operations Plan and the part that the Town of Andrews will be expected to play if such a plan is implemented. Mayor Rhinehardt also discussed the report given at the Region A meeting concerning the plan in Tennessee to construct a four lane divided highway from Cleveland Tennessee where it now ends to the section of divided highway just west of Ducktown Tennessee. Mayor Rhinehardt also reported that three firms were looking at locating in Andrews, though nothing was definite at this time. The Mayor continued that Mr. Gary Garner has contacted him concerning the rail line from Murphy to Andrews and is planning an excursion line between the two towns using trolleys instead of actual locomotives. The Mayor also reported that Mr. Ray Davis had contacted him about sidewalks in front of his mobile home park and street lights near the rear of his park on Aquone Road, things that had been promised before the annexation of his property in 2000. Mayor Rhinehardt also raised the issue of “comp time” and whether or not it was an allowable use of overtime and what requirements were to be followed. He asked that the Board be thinking about the use of “comp time” and how it will be used.

ITEM 5 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to take up at this time.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

Items were taken out of order due to the fact that some people had to leave to make other appointments.

First to be discussed was item I, with Larry “Goat” Dailey addressing the Board of Aldermen concerning the two railroad crossings in downtown Andrews, one at Business 19 (Main Street) and the other at Whitaker Lane. “Goat” advised that the citizens of Andrews had waited long enough for some corrective action and some action needed to be taken by someone to correct the problem. It was pointed out the Glen Tatum, President of the Chamber of Commerce has been able to meet and discuss issues with the president of the Great Smoky Mountains Roadroad and that possibly Mr. Tatum would be able to discuss the issues in person with Mr. Schlegel.

Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Jordan to prepare paperwork concerning the railroad crossings and allow Mr. Tatum an opportunity to discuss the issues before legal action takes place.

Next item to be discussed was Item K – Purchase of playground equipment. Alderman Hogsed passed around a product catalog of a piece of playground equipment that he wished for the Town to purchase for placement at Ferebee Park. Alderman Hogsed made a motion to purchase the equipment from Summit Supply at a cost of \$13,600 and to use a portion of the OMC Grant money to pay for the equipment. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.

Next was Item A, the second reading of the Animal Control Ordinance for the Town of Andrews. Discussion centered around the need for control of animals running loose and causing problems at the school and all over town for that matter. Upon Motion by Alderman Hogsed and Second by Alderman Reid, the ordinance passed it's second reading.

Next was Item G – Margaret Pressley presenting the Board with a petition Requesting that speed bumps be installed on Reagan Street near the Andrews Housing Authority. Ms. Pressley stated that several times, cars had been speeding and that the children had barley gotten out of the street in time to avoid being run over. Discussion followed concerning speeding throughout town and what was taking place to reduce the instances of speeding in sections of town where speeding was wide spread.

Motion by Alderman Jordan and second by Alderman Reid to install speed bumps on Reagan Street. Alderman Phillips, Jordan and Reid voting in affirmative with Alderman Hogsed voting nay. Motion carried three to one.

Next Ms. Pressley asked the Board to consider doing something for the soon to return 210th MP Company. Mrs. Bateman spoke to inform the Board that the 210th MP Company was scheduled to fly into Asheville on the 10th or 15th of June. Discussion followed concerning what preparations should be taken for a homecoming to welcome the local members home. The local KFC has donated a banner and Duke Power agreed to allow the banner to be placed on their poles on Main Street. Mrs. Bateman also informed the Board that

Creative Sportswear had flags to welcome home the local 210th MP Company members at a cost of \$30.00 each. The Town Board agreed to purchase a flag for each local member and have their names placed on the flags and the flags to be placed on Main Street for the July 4, 2004 festivities.

Next was Item B – review an adjustment for Valarie Mashburn on her water and sewer service billing. It was discovered that the meter at Ms. Mashburn's residence was running approximately 20% fast for the past year. Motion by Alderman Phillips to make the required adjustment in Ms. Mashburn's account. Second by Alderman Reid. Motion carried. The adjustment is calculated at \$141.05 for water service and \$141.05 for sewer service.

Next was Item H – Greg Long with the Andrews Rescue Squad requesting that the Town budget some funds to assist the Andrews Rescue Squad in the coming fiscal year. Mr. Long related the costs escalating for the Rescue Squad much as they have for everyone to include fuel and replacement vehicles. Mr. Long requested \$12,000 in assistance from the Town of Andrews in the 2004-2005 budget. The Board of Aldermen said they would consider the request in their next budget meeting.

At this time Alderman Hogsed had to leave and upon Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Phillips, Alderman Hogsed was excused for the balance of the meeting.

Next was Item J – Mr. Ted Scott concerning Zoning issues. Mr. Scott expressed to the Board his views on Smart Growth. Mr. Scott's concerns came about when he heard of a new mobile home park to be built in the Kent Street/ Fairview Road area. Mr. Scott told the Board that he was not against a new mobile home park, he just wanted to make sure that it was built to the existing standards already in place for any new mobile home parks in Andrews. The existing standards call for buffer space between lots, each lot to have 4000 square feet and adequate parking to be provided. Mr. Scott provided examples of attractive mobile home parks in other locations and what regulations were used to make and keep these parks attractive. The Board accepted Mr. Scott's examples and promised to consider Mr. Scott's comments and recommendation if a new mobile home park is constructed.

Next was Item C – a refund of \$11.91 to Mr. And Mrs. William Grubbe for late payment of property taxes. Mr. And Mrs. Grubbe purchased the property on January 3, 2003. Since North Carolina law requires the property tax to be billed to the owner of record as of January 1 of each year. The tax bill for the Grubbe’s property was mailed to the estate of the former owner. The Grubbe’s never received a bill.

Motion to refund the \$11.92 late payment penalty by Alderman Hordan.
Second by Alderman Reid. Motion carried.

Next was Item E – purchase of a mower for the Recreation Department. Prices were obtained from several dealers, with Mason Tractor of Blue Ridge, GA submitting a price of \$9785.00 for a Kubota ZD 28 and Andrews Hardware submitting a price of \$7,08.00 for a Great Dane mower. Financing was available from Great Dane at 3.99% for 24 months. Kubota financing was not determined due to the absence of an employee from Mason’s at the time of the quote. Motion by Alderman Reid to purchase the Kubota unit if the financing was 3.99% or lower. Second by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.

Next was Item F – Fencing at the pool at the recreation park. After an inspection of the fencing around the pool area it was determined that a new fence was needed. In discussions with Cherokee County, the County Commissioners agreed to participate in the installation of new fencing around the pool area. Bids were requested from all local fencing contractors and the low bidder was Western Carolina Fence company with a bid of \$12,375.00 which included sales tax or \$11,865.00 without the tax.

Motion by Alderman Reid to accept the bid of Western Carolina Fence Company for \$12, 375.00. Second by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon Motion by Alderman Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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