

**MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF ANDREWS
MAY 13, 2003
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
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.

Alderman Hogsed opened the meeting with a prayer.

ITEM 2

The Agenda was amended as follows:

Item 6A was changed to a presentation from Chief of Police Hardin. Mr. Wesley Stewart did not attend.

Item 6F was added to discuss addition of a part-time and a full-time Employee.

Item 6G was added to discuss the Valleytown Cemetery and conditions.

Motion to approved the Amended Agenda by Alderman Reid.

Second by Alderman Jordan.

Motion carried.

ITEM 3

The Minutes of the April 8, 2003 meeting were approved as presented by Motion of Alderman Phillips.

Second by Alderman Reid.

Motion carried.

ITEM 4

Mr. Dillard Dockery of the Water/Sewer Maintenance Department presented reports on the work accomplished by his workmen during the past month.

Town Clerk-Finance Officer Bill Green presented the following reports:

A combined meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Board of Aldermen for the Town of Andrews, and the Town Council for the Town of Murphy will meet at 6:00 PM at Tri-County Community College on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. This meeting is to discuss various issues that involve all three governments before the budget process is finished.

At the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners meeting on May 5, 2003, the Town clerk appeared before the Commissioners to request that Cherokee County submit an application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a CDBG project to supply sanitary sewer service to the area known locally as the Sunland Subdivision. Cherokee County is requested to be the Lead Agency in making this application due to the area being outside the jurisdiction of the Town of Andrews. Town water service is provided to the area currently. The Board of Commissioners agreed to submit an application for this project.

The requested appraisal for the property located at the Patton Homesites has been received. The appraised price for this lot is \$16,000.00. The Town can now decide what method will return the highest price for the property either through public auction or private sale.

Mayor Rhinehardt notified the Aldermen of the following appointments to the Andrews Housing Authority:

Robert Black, Freida West, Patricia Gayle Day and Hubert Clark.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Chief Hardin used this time to explain the amount of calls and the lack of available manpower to cover all the areas. Chief Hardin explained that with the current staffing of one officer per shift it is difficult to assign officers to perform surveillance of areas and perform the normal patrol duties. Chief Hardin was asking for one additional officer. When asked whether or not this situation could wait until the budget work starts next week to possibly add an officer in next year's budget, Chief Hardin answered that the situation could wait as he did not at this time have any suitable candidates.

B. Next on the Agenda was a request by Town Clerk Bill Green to add the following Privilege License fees to the 2003-2004 license schedule:

Off-premises Beer Permit \$5.00

Off-premises Wine Permit \$10.00

All other licenses would remain the same as established in Schedule B Of the Revenue Act.

Motion to approve by Alderman Hogsed.

Second by Alderman Reid.

Motion carried.

C. Next was the final reading of the Game Room Ordinance amendments. Upon review it was decided to revise Item 6 to read as follows:

All Conditions inside the building shall be maintained

According to all applicable state and local codes.

Motion to approve as revised by Alderman Reid.

Second by Alderman Jordan.

Motion carried.

D. Motion to establish the first Tuesday of each month as an official work Session and the second Tuesday of each month as official Board Meeting date by Alderman Reid.

Second by Alderman Phillips.

Motion carried.

E. Budget work sessions were announced as follows:
Monday, May 19, 2003 and Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 7:30 PM
On each evening. Other dates will be established as needed and as work progresses.

F. The following employee additions were made:
John K. Allen – Street Department - \$8.50/hour, 90 days probation period.

John Day – Sanitation Department - \$9.00/hour, part-time status.

Motion by Alderman Reid.
Second by Alderman Jordan.
Motion carried.

G. Next was a discussion concerning the Valleytown Cemetery and the grass mowing costs. Due to the renewing of the Certificate of Deposit for the Cemetery fund, maintenance funds will drop by more than 50%. It will be impossible to keep the grass cut using the current method after May, 2003. It was decided to arrange a meeting with the Cemetery Board and discuss the maintenance of the Cemetery being performed by Town personnel and forwarding the interest earned to the Town General Fund.

With no further business to come before the Board, a Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Hogsed and seconded by Alderman Jordan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Mitch Rhinehardt, Mayor

