

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ANDREWS
BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
JUNE 24, 2004
7:00 PM**

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

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

Also present was Town Clerk Bill Green.

ITEM 2

The Agenda was amended to include Item H – Andrews Rescue Squad. Motion to approved the Amended Agenda by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Hogsed. Motion carried.

ITEM 3

Since this was a meeting to approved the 2004-2005 budget and to do some housekeeping for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, Minutes of the June 15, 2004 meeting were not presented.

ITEM 4 – REPORTS

No reports were given at this meeting.

ITEM 5 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this meeting.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

- A. First was presentation of the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget and establishment of property tax rates and Utility rates for coming fiscal year. The budget was prepared based on a property tax rate of \$.47 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. For the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the property values were re-assessed effective January 1, 2004. Water and sewer rates were proposed to increase for inside customers \$.50 on the base price of water service and \$.50 for the base price of sewer service. Outside customers were to see an increase of \$1.00 in the base price of water service with industrial and commercial customers to see the same increase as inside customers.
Motion to approve the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget with a property tax rate of \$.47 and a base rate of \$12.00 for water and \$12.00 for sewer and \$11.00 for sanitation for a minimum bill of \$35.00 for inside customers and \$36.00 for outside water customers by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Phillips.
Motion carried.
- B. Next was a review of the budget amendments needed for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. An attached page sets out the amendments needed. Motion by Alderman Hogsed and Second by Alderman to approve the budget amendments.
Motion carried.
- C. Next was the naming of Teresa Taylor as Deputy Finance Officer for the Town of Andrews. Ms. Taylor will be able to function as finance officer in the absence of Bill Green due to vacation or sickness. Motion to approve Ms. Taylor as Deputy Finance Officer and to award an increase in pay \$.50 per hour by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.
- D. Next was consideration of purchasing a mower for the Recreation Department. The financing issue of the Kubota mower approved at the May 11, 2004 never materialized and the financing wvailalbe was 6.99%. Due to the cost of the mower and the higher financing rate, the purchase was not made. The staff of the Recreation Department had reviewed mowers available locally and determined that the John Deere 495 with a 62 inch deck would be just as good as the Kubota unit previously approved for purchase. Motion to purchase the 495 John Deere unit at Andrews Hardware to \$8,000.00 plus tax by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Jordan.
Motion carried.

- E. Next was discussion of a contribution to the Andrews Food Bank. Motion by Alderman Jordan to provide up to \$250.00 to the Andrews Food Bank to help provide food to the needy citizens of Andrews. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.
- F. Next was discussion of awarding a \$.50 increase to Judy Nichols at the Recreation Department. Ms. Nichols had not received a review at the end of 90 days as is usually the case. Motion by Alderman Reid to increase Ms. Nichols rate of pay by \$.50. Second by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.
- G. Next was a report by Bill Green concerning the engineering work currently being performed by NC DOT. The engineering work on Main Street is preparing for the installation of traffic light signal arms to replace the wooden poles and wires that currently support the traffic signals. The curb and gutter work on Locust Street is in the 75% completed range and work should begin soon on the sidewalk work on Locust Street towards the Rest Area.
- H. Next was a discussion about providing some assistance to the Andrews Rescue Squad. After reviewing the available funds Alderman Reid made a Motion to provide \$1,500.00 to the Andrews Rescue Squad from the 2003-2004 fiscal year funds. Second by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon Motion by Alderman Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Mitch Rhinehardt, Mayor

Bill Green, Clerk