

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ANDREWS
BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY BUILDING-RECREATION PARK
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004
7:00 PM**

Mayor Rhinehardt called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members present were: Alderman Jordan, Alderman Reid, Alderman Phillips and Alderman Hogsted. 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 Items E was changed to Employees and compensation, Item G was added to discuss the up coming Centennial of the Town of Andrews and Citizen's discussion of a possible Mixed Drink Election was move to Item G. Motion carried.

ITEM 3

Upon Motion by Alderman Phillips and Second by Alderman Jordan, the Minutes of the August 10, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

ITEM 4 – REPORTS

The Annual Performance Report for the Andrews Wastewater Treatment Plant for the 2003-2004 fiscal year was presented. This performance report is required by all units operating a wastewater treatment facility to inform the citizens of any violations or reportable spills. For the time period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 there were no violations nor were there any reportable spills encountered by the Town of Andrews Wastewater system.

ITEM 5 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At the August 10, 2004 meeting the 1984 International truck had been declared surplus and an ad was published offering the truck to the highest bidder. The bids were to be opened at this meeting. While several individuals had inquired about the truck, only one sealed bid was received by the time of the meeting. It was decided to delay opening the bid received and to allow more time for potential buyers to inquire and offer a sealed bid. No sale or award was made at this time.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

- A. First on the Agenda was a request to close Main Street on October 9, 2004 from Walnut Street through Cherry Street. The closing would take place from 8:00 AM through 6:00 PM. The Local Department of Transportation Department has already approved this closure. This closing was to allow the Street Fair of the Heritage Festival to have their Fall show. Motion to allow the closing of Main Street by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.
- B. Next was a proposal to replace the roof of the chapel at the Valletown Cemetery. Prices were received from several vendors with a high of \$7,500 from Cox Roofing to a low of \$4,500 from Mylon Hall. Motion to award the work to Mylon Hall by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.
- C. Next was a request from Town staff requesting approval to award one adjustment per season to water customers with sewer service when filling swimming pools. This adjustment would be only for the sewer service portion of the bill and the adjustment would a six months average to determine the sewer billing adjustment. Staff also requested that in order to get this adjustment, the customer must call and inform the Town of the pool filling so that a note can be attached to the customer's account detailing the start and end dates of the pool filling. Motion to allow this adjustment by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.

- D. Next on the Agenda was a request from Mr. Jack Simonds concerning charges on a water bill. Since Mr. Simonds was not present, the item was tabled.
- E. Next was Employee compensation. Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Jordan to award \$.50 raises to the following employees: L. J. "Bud" Eads – Police, Michael Pendergrass – Sewer Plant, Judy Nichols – Recreation, Ray Fraizer – Recreation. Motion carried. Motion to change Josh Litchfield's rate of pay from \$5.15 to \$9.25 per hour by Alderman Hogsed. Second by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.
- F. Next was consideration of starting work on the Centennial celebration for the Town of Andrews. Andrews was granted a Charter by the Legislature on February 21, 1905. Motion by Alderman Jordan and Second by Alderman Phillips to appoint Deewitt Sharp to head up the planning of the celebration. Motion carried.
- G. Next was the Citizen forum to talk to the Board of Alderman and Mayor concerning a possible mixed drink election.

First to speak was Russ Pruitt explaining to the citizens and the Board detailing his twenty years of experience as a police officer and the investigation of automobile crashes resulting from alcohol impaired drivers. Mr. Pruitt advised that alcohol sales are not what this community needs to grow, this community needs everyone, the citizens, the merchants, the elected officials working together to help the community grow and prosper.

Next was the Reverend Michael Barres speaking and telling the assembled group that while the issue of alcohol sales by the glass is very divisive but he believes Andrews will grow and prosper without alcohol sales by the glass.

More citizens spoke to address the issue with some in favor of mixed drink sales, but most speaking against the issue. Comments ranged from the ability to attract more customers and more eating places, while others spoke to the problems encountered by themselves and family members caused by alcohol abuse.

Pat Love with the Chamber of Commerce spoke next telling the group that while the Town is hurt, it is not dead! The factories are not coming back, experience had shown that to be true for North Carolina as a whole. Tourism and related industries is the only answer available to the Town along with the Great Smokey Mountain Railroad. Pat finished by reminding the citizens to not be blinded by the negative, but to work for the positive!

With no further business to come before the Board and upon Motion by Alderman Hogsed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Mayor

Clerk