

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ANDREWS
BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
OCTOBER 15, 2004
10:00 AM**

Mayor Rhinehardt called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. The meeting of October 12, 2004 was unable to be held due to two members being absent and was rescheduled for this date.

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 approved as presented.

ITEM 3

Upon Motion by Alderman Phillips and Second by Alderman Hogsed, the Minutes of the September 14, 2004 and the September 22, 2004 meetings were approved as presented.

ITEM 4 – REPORTS

Mayor Rhinehardt reported that at the last EDC (Economic Development Commission) meeting it was reported that an interested party was looking at the Baker building once again. Alderman Hogsed reported that telephone calls to NC DOT Railroad Division had resulted in a promise to get to the rail crossings in Andrews soon. NC DOT rail officials had indicated that due to the damage resulting from the floods from the back-to-back hurricanes had put them behind in their schedule to get to Andrews to begin work.

Alderman Jordan indicated that he would call the new president of Great Smoky Mountain Railroad and ask for an updated schedule to repair the crossings in Andrews.

ITEM 5 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this time.

ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS

- A. First on the Agenda was Mrs. Shirley Young concerning road access below the Andrews Waste Water Treatment plant on Regan Avenue. Mrs. Young did not appear, so the Board moved on the next item.
- B. Next was Fancy C. Rubino requesting that sanitation not be charged on her utility account with the Town of Andrews. Board members indicated that since all previous boards had made it clear that there were no exceptions to sanitation service charges for residents, they would be unable to honor Ms. Rubino's request.
- C. Next was a reading of resolutions to ask Cherokee County's Board of Commissioners to work with the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles to place a Driver's License Examiner's Office in Andrews to help reduce overcrowding in Murphy. The second Resolution was to ask the NC Department of Transportation to construct sidewalks on Teas Street and Kent Street since these roadways are State of North Carolina system roads. Motion by alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Jordan to pass these Resolutions. Motion carried.
- D. Next was the issue of employee raises. Since the 2004-2005 budget was prepared with a \$.50 per hour raise for all employees and only \$.25 had been awarded in July, it was decided to award \$.2 raises to all employees who had not received a raise at the last meeting. Motion to award the across the board \$.25 by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.

- E. Next was Russ and Vicki Pruitt addressing the Board concerning actions taken by the Board of Zoning and Adjustment at their last meeting. Mrs. Pruitt stated that they had no notice of any action to be taken about changes in their neighborhood and wanted a chance to be heard and to be a part of the process. The Board of Aldermen accepted Mrs. Pruitt's remarks and her written remarks and told Mrs. Pruitt that they would review the actions and talk with the Zoning and Adjustment Board.
- F. Next was an appointment to the Andrews Alcohol Beverage Control Board. ABC Board Member Jim Paul's term expires on October 31, 2004. Motion by Alderman Jordan and Second by Alderman Reid to reappoint Mr. Paul to a three year term. Motion carried.
- G. Next was a request from the Andrews Food Bank for a donation from the Town of Andrews to assist with operations for the current fiscal year. Motion by Alderman Reid to provide \$500.00 to the Andrews Food Bank. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.
- H. Next was a Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Phillips To enter into Executive Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Hogsted and Second by Alderman Reid to go back to regular session.

Motion by Alderman Jordan and Second by Alderman Hogsted to equalize the hourly rate of pay in the Water/Sewer Maintenance Department based on time in service and certifications of the respective employees.

Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Jordan to adjourn at 11:15 AM.