
**Regular Town Council Meeting
Town of Andrews
101 N. Morgan Avenue**

**Thursday, November 17, 2005
Sheriff Department Sub Station
Court Room-110 N. Morgan Ave.**

6:00 p.m.

The Town of Andrews met in regular session on November 17, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Curtis Dorsey presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Mayor Dorsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The invocation was silent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was held. Council Members present were: Terrance Middleton, Rodney Giles, Patsy Greene and Mayor Dorsey.

The minutes of the October 20, 2005 meeting were included in the council member's packets for their review. Council Member Middleton made the motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Council Member Giles. Motion carried.

The monthly financial statement was included in the council member's packets for their review. This was for information only.

There were no citizens' comments.

Presentation: Boyd & Associates. Ms. Bradley stated that Mr. Reese Boyd called and would not be in attendance. Mr. Boyd stated that he did advertise for bids but did not receive the response that was expected; therefore the closing date had been changed to November 29th, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at town hall.

Ordinance: Second Reading for Property Tax Extension for Military Personnel was held. Council Member Greene made the motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Council Member Giles. Roll Call: Middleton-yes, Giles-yes, Greene-yes, Mayor Dorsey-yes. Motion carried.

There was no old business.

Administrator's Report. Ms. Bradley informed council that citizen Kevin Freeman would like to purchase a town owned building on Main Street. Mr. Freeman will consider a lease with stipulations. He would like building for use as a barber shop business. Mr. Freeman brought in an estimate of what the cost would be to repair the roof of the building. The estimate was \$17,000 to repair the roof of the building. (Council Member Anderson arrived at 6:17 p.m.) There was discussion in reference to the building in question. Council members asked Ms. Bradley to research to make sure building is free and clear. Council members agreed that if the building is free and clear, to advertise and sell for appraised value. Ms. Bradley reported to council concerning the Downtown Revitalization. She stated that she recently spoke with Mr. Truluck and had received a letter from SCDOT. Ms. Bradley read the letter she received from SCDOT. The letter stated that they had received town's request for funding for downtown

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revitalization and should receive a response by February 2006. Ms. Bradley stated that she has spoken with County Councilman Sel Hemingway in reference to residents of Gambel Ave. These residents are not in the city limits, but are requesting to receive water services from the town. Property owners have offered to purchase the material if the town will lay the lines. Council member had concerns over ownership of lines. It was suggested that if this procedure were to take place, that the lines be deeded to the town. Council members asked that a meeting be set up with citizens to meet with council. Ms. Bradley handed out letter from Judge Pyatt in reference to a refund. The incident took place several years ago and money is owed to the individual. The letter included copies of receipts. Chief Sparkman spoke in regards to the matter. He informed council that the funds for this refund would come from the general fund account. Ms. Bradley reported to council that the "Christmas on Main" festival is being coordinated per request of Mayor Dorsey. She stated that she has applied for a permit to block off a portion of Main Street on December 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Ms. Bradley asked council members to judge singing contest. Council Member Anderson stated that she would judge contest. Ms. Bradley stated that vendors will be able to set up for a fee of \$25.00. Council Member Anderson suggested that a Christmas dish contest be included. Ms. Bradley welcomed council for any input into the festival. Ms. Bradley stated that she did not have the listing of the next five properties to be cleaned up and apologized. She stated that the next five have been determined. There was discussion in reference to the billing procedure for demolishing buildings and hauling debris. Council members were informed that Public Works Supervisor, Eddie Shaw writes up the bills. Mr. Shaw was not in attendance; therefore specific questions could not be answered. Ms. Bradley stated that she would have Mr. Shaw make a listing of billing amounts for such work. Council Members also asked that the insurance coverage be checked into for coverage of employees while demolishing personal property.

Council's Report: Council Member Giles stated that he met with Chief Sparkman in reference to drug issues in certain communities and citizens were also meeting with the Chief this week.

Citizen's Comment: Ms. Ann Howell shared concerns about the recent rain and flooding that took place in Andrews. She wanted to know what was going to be done about the drainage problem. Ms. Howell is volunteering with the Andrews Good Ole Days Committee and stated that the committee was disappointed on the lack of participation from the town during a recent dinner sale. She extended an invitation to council to attend the committee's next meeting. Public Works Director, Daniel Gerald responded as to where the town is at in correcting the flooding issue. He stated that the proper officials have looked at the area and plans are being put into place to correct the problem.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dorsey reported that a new organization, Brothers United in Learning & Development (BUILD) has recently been formed in the Andrews area. He stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and asked that council members become involved with BUILD. A joint effort with BUILD and The Town of Andrews to clean up the downtown area has been scheduled for December 3rd. Mayor Dorsey congratulated the two incoming council members, Thomas Alford and Michael Shaw along with re-elected Council Member Rodney Giles. Mayor Dorsey stated that swearing in will take place at the January 12th Council Meeting. Mayor Dorsey stated that the January council meeting would be held on the 2nd Thursday,

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January 12th, 2006 and that he is scheduled for surgery the following week. Mayor Dorsey informed council members along with staff members that the Andrews Christian Fellowship have requested that everyone be their guest of honor at their annual Thanksgiving program and dinner on Sunday, November 20th. Mayor Dorsey asked everyone to attend if possible. Mayor Dorsey announced the annual Christmas Tree Lighting to be held on Thursday, December 1st @ 5:30 p.m. Mayor Dorsey requested a Christmas bonus for staff members. Council members stated that the budget needed to be reviewed prior to that decision being made. Council members stated that it would be decided at the next council meeting of December 15th.

Council Member Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Council member Giles. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Town Clerk