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

Thursday, October 20, 2005
Sheriff Department Sub Station
Court Room-110 N. Morgan Ave.

6:00 p.m.

The Town of Andrews met in regular session on October 20, 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 6:08 p.m.

The invocation was silent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Dorsey thanked everyone who participated in welcoming troops back home.

Roll Call was held. Council Members present were: Terrance Middleton, Rodney Giles, Jack Kinder and Mayor Dorsey.

The minutes of the August 18, 2005 and September 15, 2005 meetings were included in the council member's packets for their review. Council Member Giles made the motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Council Member Kinder. 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 by Boyd & Associates. Mr. Reese Boyd presented an update on the Railroad Bed Project. (Council Member Angela Anderson arrived at 6:10 p.m.) Mr. Boyd stated that bids will be received on November 17th and presented to council that night a council meeting. Mr. Boyd made a recommendation to council. Mr. Boyd made a recommendation to council that the contractors for the first phase which are schedules to replace eight oak trees, to defer the tree replacement until entire park are completed so that the trees can be scattered. Mr. Boyd stated that the flooding issue will be discussed with Daniel Gerald, as some research needed to take place first. Council Member Middleton suggested that if there are not enough funds from the grant to do the landscaping, that the town seek other avenues for landscaping. It was agreed to revisit once bids are in. Mr. Boyd stated that by Tuesday of next week he will have the official documents for viewing at town hall.

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

Request for purchase of town owned property. Ms. Bradley presented a request from Thomas & Susan Morris to purchase town owned property. The property in question is 3.5 acres on Hardee Street. They offered to pay \$7,000 for the 3.5 acres. Council Member Greene arrived during the presentation. There was discussion. Council Member Anderson made the motion to annex property into city limits and was seconded by Council Member Middleton.

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Roll Call: Middleton-yes, Anderson-yes, Giles-yes, Greene-yes, Kinder-yes, Mayor Dorsey-yes. Motion carried. The offer made by Thomas and Susan Morris was declined. The property was advertised in 2003 but there was no sale at that time. It will be advertised again.

Approval for cutting of trees from town owned property/Harper Road. Mayor Dorsey described the location of the property and stated that the trees also obstruct driver's view. Council Member Giles made the motion to cut trees and sell, and seconded by Council Member Anderson. Roll Call: Middleton-yes, Anderson-yes, Giles-yes, Greene-yes, Kinder-yes, Mayor Dorsey-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution: Optional Temporary Relocation Assistance Policy. There was discussion. Council Member Anderson made the motion to accept the resolution, and was seconded by Council Member Greene. Roll Call: Middleton-yes, Anderson-yes, Giles-yes, Greene-yes, Kinder-yes, Mayor Dorsey-yes. Motion carried.

Presentation: Prudential/Carlene Gauler. Ms. Gauler introduced new residents of the town, Don & Dorothy Daniels. Ms. Gauler spoke to council in reference to property located on E US HWY 41 – Parcel A (187 acres), owned by the town. Ms. Gauler requested that her company list the property for sale for at least a year, with no cost to the town. Would like to stipulate that only a developer buy it for home building. There was discussion as to whether this property was in the city limits. Council Members stated that they definitely want the property in the city limits. Ms. Bradley stated that she would need to speak with Attorney Wall on the procedure of annexation and inform council at next meeting. Council Members stated that they would like to see the property. Ms. Bradley stated that if a public hearing is required, she will schedule and notify council after speaking with Attorney Wall.

There was no old business.

Presentation by Public Works Director, Daniel Gerald. Mr. Gerald explained amendment for sewer use ordinance. Council Member Middleton made the motion to approve amendment and was seconded by Council Member Anderson. Roll Call: Middleton-yes, Anderson-yes, Giles-yes, Greene-yes, Kinder-yes, Mayor-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Gerald requested to waive cut-in fees for Ms. Edwards. A copy of the contract was included in Council Members' packets for their review. Mr. Gerald explained that the town had laid pipe lines on Ms. Edwards property without permission. Ms. Edwards would like to have city water and sewer services. Council Member Giles made the motion to waive cut-in fee for Ms. Edwards, and was seconded by Council Member Anderson. Roll Call: Middleton-no, Anderson-yes, Giles-yes, Greene-yes, Kinder-yes, Mayor Dorsey-yes. Motion carried. Mr. Gerald made a presentation to council on an alternative use of diesel, due to the high cost of fuel. Council Members asked that Mr. Gerald do further research and present it at a later date.

Administrator's Report: Ms. Bradley asked council to notice the report that was included in their packets from Judge Pyatt's office. This was for their information. Ms. Bradley asked for approval to accept proposal from Bill Gaskins on developing town's web page. Council Member Middleton made the motion to proceed with the web page, and was seconded by Council

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Member Anderson. Roll Call: Middleton-yes, Anderson-yes, Giles-yes, Greene-yes, Kinder-yes, Mayor Dorsey-yes. Motion carried. Ms. Bradley handed out to council a request for approval to survey plots at the town's cemetery. Ms. Bradley informed council that the town is practically down to the last of plots. There was discussion concerning the cost to survey and the price for plots. Council Member Middleton made the motion to increase the price per plot to \$500 & \$700, and was seconded by Council Member Anderson. Roll Call: Middleton-yes, Anderson-yes, Greene-yes, Kinder-yes, Giles-yes, Mayor Dorsey-yes. Motion carried. Council Member Anderson made the motion to have more plots surveyed and was seconded by Council Member Giles. Roll Call: Middleton-yes, Anderson-yes, Giles-yes, Greene-yes, Kinder-yes, Mayor Dorsey-yes. Motion carried. Ms. Bradley gave hand-out to council members in reference to code enforcement and clean-up effort. The hand-out included five (5) properties to be condemned as a beginning to the clean-up effort, and stated that she would present five (5) at each council meeting until the project is completed. Council Members had concerns as to whether the project would be enforced. Ms. Bradley assured council that fines would be imposed on property owners that do not comply. Council Members expressed great approval and stated that they would also inform Ms. Bradley of any property that they are aware of, that should be included. Ms. Bradley handed out copies of a recent lawsuit pertaining to prayer at council meetings. This was for information only. Council Member Anderson asked if Ms. Bradley is watching the budget. Ms. Bradley stated that she is closely monitoring the budget, as per information included in council packets. Ms. Bradley stated that Cindy will have the books ready for a mid-year budget review.

Council's Report: Council Member Giles inquired as to what services are Davis & Brown performing for the town. Mr. Gerald stated that Davis & Brown are working on the drainage problem. Mr. Gerald along with Ms. Bradley informed council that Davis & Brown is only being paid on an as-needed basis.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Dorsey stated that Attorney Jones has informed him that the proposed annexation would be very costly to do at one time and suggested that the town annex the by-pass first, afterwards, pick up the other areas piece by piece. Mayor Dorsey stated that the gas prices are outrageous and asked Police Chief Sparkman to explain what the police department is doing to conserve gas. Chief Sparkman stated that the officers are to turn off patrol cars for at least 15 minutes each hour, do more foot patrol and limit out of town trips. Mayor Dorsey stated that the local troops have returned home from Iraq and thanked everyone for their help in the welcome home celebration. Mayor Dorsey recently spoke to some students at Andrews High School and the students' main concerns were having more businesses in Andrews. Mayor Dorsey asked council to bring in ideas to attract businesses to the downtown area.

Council Member Anderson made the motion to adjourn meeting and seconded by Council Member Middleton. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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