

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 27, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Andrews Town Hall in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to appropriate notice.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Laura Dillon, Roger Newsome, Jr., and Michael Dean Young were in attendance. Clerk-Treasurer Laury Powell declared a quorum was present and the meeting would continue.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Roger Newsome made a motion to approve council minutes for a Regular Session held on July 13, and a Special Meeting held on July 21, 2026. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Powell reported that the 2026 CCMG closeout documents were submitted to INDOT. Because the paving project was completed under budget, she expects an invoice to repay \$3,959.16 in unused funds. The council then discussed a FY 2027 CCMG application, identifying California, Snowden, and Terrel streets as possible projects. A Main Street sidewalk project extending to the north end of town was ruled out because it would involve the state highway and related rights-of-way. Residents are encouraged to submit suggestions to council members or the clerk's office as soon as possible; the application window is September 1–30, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

Powell reviewed her 2027 budget plans with council members and department heads using reports distributed before the meeting. The proposed budget includes a \$0.25-per-hour employee raise instead of a percentage increase and anticipates a 12–14% rise in health, liability, business owners insurance costs. The council also noted that Town-paid health insurance and an annual \$3,250 HSA contribution for each full-time employee are additional benefits. Council members gave Powell permission to proceed with budget plans as presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that a high-grass violation notice was sent to the owner of 277 S. State St. He also reported that Andrews 2 car was damaged when a driver ran a red light in Huntington and struck it. The vehicle is being repaired at no cost to the Town. Platt then read the official police report on the theft of copper wire from the former Dana factory, which appears connected to a larger theft ring based in New Haven and operating throughout northern Indiana.

Fire Department: Dean Young reported that planning is underway for Andrews Community Day on August 22. They are looking for volunteers and suggestions are welcome to help support the event.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock reported that Peerless Midwest has begun work on the two wells south of Andrews. The west well has been installed and is producing well. Work on the east well was temporarily delayed by a drilling truck breakdown, but a replacement truck is expected tomorrow. Also, a request will be submitted to INDOT for approval of a temporary entrance to the project site.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that she receipted \$2,802.16 in MVH and LRS Gas Tax Holiday Reimbursement funds for April and May. The Travelers Insurance Audit for the AVFD has also been completed.

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CLAIMS

Dean Young stated he would abstain from voting on the claims since a fire department reimbursement was included this evening. Roger Newsome made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Laura Dillon. The motion was approved 2-0.

OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments or other business for discussion.

With no further business, Young motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m., seconded by Newsome.

Approved this 10th day of August 2026.

APPROVED BY  as
LAURA A. DILLON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY  as
ROGER NEWSOME, JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVED BY _____ as
MICHAEL D. YOUNG COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST BY  as
LAURY L. POWELL CLERK-TREASURER