

**ANDREWS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD JULY 13, 2026**

A public meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Andrews, Indiana convened on July 13, 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 June 22, 2026. Dean Young seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 2026-05 AMENDING BUILDING PERMIT FEES

The Public Hearing opened at 6:01 with Kim Hostetler explaining why the proposed fees are necessary, and that the County has already approved the changes. The fees charged by the Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development for various building, electrical, plumbing, fence, and other permits and administrative fees were last updated in 2004-2009. Years ago, the Town had designated the Huntington County DCD to administer and enforce building regulations within the Town's Building Code and authorized the DCD to issue permits, collect permit fees, conduct inspections, and issue violations within the town's corporate limits. The Public Hearing ended at 6:05. Dean Young motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-05 Amending Building Permit Fees. Roger Newsome seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 3-0.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY VISITOR BUREAU

Huntington County Visitor Bureau Executive Director Tera Roughley informed Council of the inaugural Thrifting Huntington County Trolley Tour, scheduled for Saturday, August 22. The six-hour tour will stop in Andrews during Community Day. Its goal is to encourage visitors and residents to explore local shops, restaurants, and attractions while supporting small businesses throughout the county. Sponsorship assistance is welcomed and will help offset trolley rental costs while supporting a new tourism initiative that highlights Huntington County's small-town charm and local businesses. No action was taken by council at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

South Well Field: Anthony Goodnight of Lochmueller Group presented a proposed project agreement for the Council's consideration. He introduced Kelly White as the local project manager for the Town. The agreement would cover construction of a new groundwater treatment plant south of Andrews on 800 West and the directional drilling of a watermain from the new plant to the Town's distribution system. He did not have the recently amended contract with him, which had been revised at Attorney Mike Hartburg's recommendation. Goodnight reviewed the agreement sections and Lochmueller's scope of work. The project timeline lists a March 2027 start date. Discussions with Peerless Midwest about drilling new production wells are nearing completion, and town officials still plan to speak with certain property owners about an underground water main easement to avoid possible SR 105 right-of-way complications. Council President Dillon requested a special meeting the following week to approve and sign Lochmueller Group's amended agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Roger Newsome opened discussion about transmission problems with Bullock's 2015 Dodge Ram and asked Council to consider replacing it with a new Chevrolet truck quoted at \$47,653.00, which included a police special service vehicle (SSV) package valued at \$6,888.00. Council then discussed whether the SSV package could be removed to lower the price or whether the dealer would consider a trade-in for the Dodge.

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Powell said there is just over \$30,000.00 in the MVH Equipment appropriation line which won't cover the cost of a new truck and perhaps utilizing the Indiana Bond Bank could be an option with the fire truck payments ending late next year. Dean Young motioned to allow Colin Bullock to purchase a truck not to exceed \$45,000.00. Newsome seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 3-0.

Newsome next asked Bullock to get quotes to take down three large, dying trees on N Market St.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Town Marshal Josh Platt reported that the new police car is now in service while the old reserve vehicle is being dissected for usable equipment prior to listing it for sale. Platt continues to write high grass and weeds violations in town, and he shared he has been accepted to attend ILEA's Firearm Instructor Certification Course in August.

Fire Department: On behalf of the AVFD, Dean Young requested a \$2,500.00 pledge from Council to again sponsor the Rylie Lynn Band and children's inflatables for Andrews Community Day on August 22. Newsome and Dillon agreed to the fire department's request.

Utility Department: Colin Bullock had nothing more to report this evening.

Clerk-Treasurer: Laury Powell reported that June is reconciled and that 2027 budget work is underway. She shared that there will be an early vote center at the Town Hall on Friday, October 23 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Also, because all four elected town positions will be on next year's ballot, candidate packets will be available for pickup after December 17, 2026, at the County Clerk's Office and must be filed between January 6 and February 5, 2027. Powell also contacted Boyce to begin the software changes as authorized by Ordinance 2025-03, Modifying Existing Water Rates Phase II. Discussion next ensued over the failing fuel control system. Council asked Colin Bullock to gather quotes for new equipment.

CLAIMS

Roger Newsome made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which was seconded by Dean Young. The motion was approved 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Gamble, 350 S Pearl St, voiced a complaint over the piles of trash and debris at the Living Waters MHP. Marshal Platt said the owner has brought in a dumpster which is ready to be hauled out and replaced. She then asked Marshal Platt about a recent police chase and the Deputy Marshal's involvement, to which he and Council Member Young responded to her concerns.

Anthony Goodnight reminded council members of the September 1 due date for the next round of CCMG applications should they be interested, and that Lochmueller is ready to assist with the Road Asset Management Plan which is due on December 1.

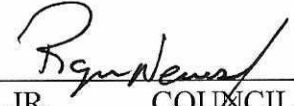
With no further business, Newsome motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m., seconded by Young.

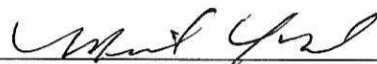
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Approved this 27th day of July 2026.

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