

Andale City Council
July 27, 2015

The regular meeting of the Andale City Council is called to order by Mayor Jeremy Cawood at 7:02 p.m. on Monday July 27, 2015. Council member Kristi Winter is absent. Gary Boender, Roger Lies, Heath Harp and Ryan Harp are present. City Attorney Austin Parker, Maintenance Engineer Doug Simon, Acting Chief of Police Jason Leslie and City Clerk Patty Hein are also present.

The minutes from the June regular meeting and the July 9th special meeting are reviewed. Heath Harp moves to approve the minutes as written. Gary Boender seconds the motion and it passes with a vote of 4-0.

The accounts payable report and additions to accounts payable are reviewed. Ryan Harp moves to approve all accounts payable, second by Heath Harp. Motion is approved 4-0.

Brian Fair addresses the Council concerning a temporary liquor license for the St. Joseph Parish anniversary celebration. The Council discusses this and it is determined that there is no need to make a motion to approve the license since it is all up to the parish to handle it.

Shane Beebe and Terry Weldon address the Council concerning getting a Lyons Club started in Andale. They need permission to hold a charter night. They will contact individuals and businesses to invite them to the charter night. They explain how the Lyons Club is all about giving back to the community. Roger Lies makes a motion to support starting a Lyons Club in Andale. Heath Harp seconds it and it passes with a 4-0 vote.

Pool Report

Melissa May gives the monthly pool report. The swim team did well this year. One girl on the team is just 3 seconds away from a new record. There is a discussion about when the pool will close this season. It is decided that the last day for the pool to be open will be August 15th.

Maintenance Report

Doug Simon presents a bid for street sweeping from KCP. The total is \$2200. Doug says that the date for the street sweeping will be printed in the local paper. The Council discusses the recent sewer problems. Roger Lies makes a motion to approve the bid by KCP. Heath Harp seconds the motion and it passes with a 4-0 vote.

The Mayor asks Doug about the meter wand repairs. Doug states that we are still waiting to hear back from the company that will repair it. Doug reports that the electrical and sheet rocking is in progress on the new maintenance building. Roger asks about insulation by offices.

Mayor Cawood asks what is to be done on the west side approach. Doug states that gravel will be put there later on.

Patty Hein informs the Council that everyone who hasn't already taken the FEMA IS-700 NIMS test will need to do so. The testing is free. They can take the test online and a certificate will be printed when they pass. Mayor Cawood suggests that everyone complete the testing in the next month or so.

Mayor Cawood talks about appointing council members to certain departments so that each one has a point of contact. Gary Boender is appointed to the police department. Roger Lies is appointed to the parks and recreation department. Heath Harp is appointed to the street lights department. Ryan Harp is appointed to equipment. Kristi Winter is appointed to the sewer department.

Mayor Cawood asks City Clerk Patty Hein to contact our IT guy and have him set up email accounts through the city for all council members except Gary Boender. Gary says that he will just stop in at city hall and check his messages.

Police Report

Jason Leslie presents the police report. The training with Scott Harris, part time officer, is going well. The department audit also went well even though the auditor came 2 weeks early. Jason recommends that we hire part time officer Tracy Roniger. Heath asks if Tracy would patrol right away. Jason says that before he goes out he will do review training for a minimum of 2 weeks and a maximum of 4 weeks. Tracy will then patrol one day a week up to a maximum of 1000 hours per year. Mayor Cawood suggests we hire Tracy Roniger at \$14.00/hr. Gary Boender makes a motion to hire Tracy Roniger at \$14.00/hr. and Heath Harp seconds it. The vote carries 4-0.

The Council discusses hiring a police chief. Attorney Austin Parker suggests going in to an executive session to discuss this.

Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel

Ryan Harp moves to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Roger Lies seconds and the motion carries 4-0. The time is 8:19.

At 8:29 Attorney Austin Parker states that no binding action was taken during executive session and asks for 5 more minutes for executive session. Ryan Harp moves to add 5 more minutes to executive session. Roger Lies seconds and motion carries 4-0.

At 8:35 the regular meeting resumes. Austin Parker states that no binding action was taken during executive session.

It is decided that no new police chief will be hired. Instead, Officer Mark Cook will receive leadership training for one year with the plan for him to take over as chief of police.

Council member Heath Harp states that he must leave early to pick up his children.

Jason talks about tasers. Part-time Officer Scott Harris presents how tasers work. Tasers reduce injuries by 80%. The X-2 Series of tasers are much better developed. The department is requesting 5 tasers. The total cost will be \$11,208.94. This will include batteries, holsters and insurance plan for 5 years. Austin Parker states that using tasers saves pain and suffering lawsuits. He is excited to be talking about getting them. Gary Boender asks if the department has enough money left. Mayor Cawood says that the department has enough money. Ryan Harp makes a motion to approve the bid from Taser International for \$11,208.94. Gary Boender seconds it and the motion carries 3-0.

The council discusses possibly getting body and dash cameras. The Mayor states that the police department has enough money at this time.

Attorney Austin Parker explains what is needed to be decided with the 2016 Budget tonight. Mayor Cawood explains some budget amounts. A total 2016 budget amount is discussed. Roger Lies moves to approve the total budget amount. Gary Boender seconds and the motion carries 3-0. The budget hearing date is set for August 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The notice of budget hearing will be published July 30th. Gary Boender moves to adjourn at 9:20. Ryan seconds and motion carries 3-0.

Special Meeting

Attorney Austin Parker calls for a Special Meeting at 9:25 p.m. on July 27, 2015 for the purpose of discussing the payment of \$100,000 to Prairie Building Systems for labor and materials for the new maintenance building. Roger Lies had already left, but he was contacted by speaker phone. Ryan Harp, Gary Boender, Mayor Cawood, Austin Parker and Clerk Patty Hein were still present. The payment of \$100,000 to Prairie Building Systems for work done on the maintenance building so far was discussed. Gary Boender moves to approve the payment and Ryan Harp seconds it. The motion carries 3-0.

Gary Boender moves to adjourn and Ryan Harp seconds. The motion carries 3-0 and the meeting adjourns at 9:30.