

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, September 14, 2015

Present: Stan Busch, Mayor
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Mike Fanning, Council Member

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stan Busch called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Stan Busch provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the August 10, 2015 Council Meeting, The Budget Workshop, and The Public Hearing, as written. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 Council Meeting, The Budget Workshop and The Public Hearing as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Milt Felder, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Mayor Stan Busch recognized Mr. Ray Oliver he has been working with the town donating his time to help make the flowers on Cleveland Street so pretty. Mr. Oliver would like the towns help with the supply of flowers that will be needed to maintain the flower pots that he has placed on Cleveland Street. Mr. Oliver feel that it will take around a \$1000.00 per season to maintain the flowers. He will continue to keep up with the watering and taking care of the flowers throughout each season. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Oliver for all of his help and time he has donated and committed on how good the flowers look.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System. There were 91 work orders in August and 646 water customers billed. Water loss was at 22% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on October 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Officer Dwayne Duckson presented the Police Report for August 2015. During the month the police department responded to (16) calls for request for service and arrested (25) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

A. Incidents that were solved or closed by arrest are as follows;

- (1) Arrest for Poss. with Intent to Dist. Marijuana and Poss. of a Stolen Handgun,
- (2) arrest for Poss. of Cocaine and Crack Cocaine,
- (1) arrest for Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia,
- (4) arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana,
- (6) arrest for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for Driving Under the Influence,
- (5) arrests for Driving with Open Container,
- (3) arrests for Operating a Business Without a Town Business License, and
- (2) arrests for Minor in Possession of Alcohol,

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (2) False alarm calls....(1) commercial and (1) residential,
- (1) vehicle accident on private property,
- (1) vehicle accident involving a hit and run where suspect was identified and located,
- (1) assist to the Ellore First Baptist Church for traffic control, and
- (1) assist to the SCDOT for the Cleveland St. Bridge dedication ceremony.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (5) Safety Check Points and issued (60) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offences not related to traffic.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Ms. Robin Newton presented the monthly clerk/treasurer report. The Police Fines Report for the month of August, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$4496.88
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2363.28

- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$671.89
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1461.71 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for August 2015 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. Council Member Mike Fanning moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin gave an update on Trash to Treasurer that was held on August 15. We had a good turnout however, most of the vendors felt that it would have been better if the event was held in September on the original date because most people had this date set aside for the event.

Ms. Robin also spoke about the upcoming Arts & Antiques festival October 3. This event is held every October and we always have a good turnout. There are still spaces available if anyone is interested please contact the Ms. Anita with the EBA at antia@elloreesc.org.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch spoke with Council concerning the need for banners in the town. He would like to see banners placed from one end of Cleveland Street to the other not just from the red light to the rail road track. There has been times in the past that some people felt that they were not included in the town. Mayor Busch wants everyone to know they are part of the town. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to look into the warranty on the banners and to how this would be applied to the budget so this matter could be discuss at a later date. Council Member Milt Felder second the motion, all were in favor.

Mayor Busch asked Council to review the punch list that Mr. Raymond Thomas prepared for the town concerning the different repairs that are going to be taken place. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to put out a bid for the work on Joe Miller Park and Town Hall. Council Member Milt Felder second the motion, all were in favor.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch spoke with Council concerning the tennis courts that are located at Joe Miller Park. The tennis nets are in very bad shape and are in need of replacing. Council Member Harold Void made a point that Joe Miller Park is a great place for people to gather however, there are some areas of the park that are

being abused and we need to but a plan together to protect the attractions that are at the park. There is no need to fix things and then let them get destroyed over and over. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to get new nets for the tennis court and work on a plan of action to protect our park. Council Member Kim Gidron second the motion, all were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch spoke concerning the street signs in Ellore. There are a lot of the signs that are in very bad shape. Council Member Mike Fanning informed the Mayor that DOT could help with this mater and he needs to contact them.

The next Town 'Council Meeting will be October 13, 2015 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters. SC State Code Authorizing Executive Session (Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70-(a) (3)) Discussion Regarding the Development of Security Personal or Devices. Council Member Harold Void made a motion, Council Member Mike Fanning seconded the motion, all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m..

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. and Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

There was no action taken.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk