

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 13, 2018

5:30 PM

Present:

Mayor Mike Fanning

Bill Brandenburg, Council Member

Kim Gidron, Council Member

Chip Davis, Council Member

Freda H. Trupiano, Town Clerk

Kayla F. Risher, Administrative Assistant

Shawn Murphree, Police Chief

Earl Kinley, Assistant Police Chief

Austin Arant, Lieutenant

- Mayor Mike Fanning welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was followed by a short prayer. Mayor Fanning provided the invocation and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

- Mayor Mike Fanning called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes from the July Council Meeting, July Special Town Council Meeting and the July Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Budget

- Council Member Kim Gidron made a motion to approve the council minutes from July 9, 2018, the Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Budget minutes, and the Special Town Council Meeting of July 30, 2018. Council Member Bill Brandenburg seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- **Elloree Water Department Report**

- Cole Dantzler with the Elloree Water Department presented the report. The Elloree Water System had 72 work orders for the month of July and 640 customers were billed. July's estimated water loss was 28%. Dantzler stated that the water loss was higher this month due to Frontier hitting a main water line. The Waste Water Plant had no violations with SCDHEC and the water Bacti samples were all in compliance. The next meeting for the Elloree Water System will be August 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM.
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- **Public Comments, Concerns, Information or Recommendations to Council**

- None.

- **Police Report**

- Chief Shawn Murphree presented the July 2018 Police Report.
- There were 59 calls for service.

Tickets and Arrests:

- **41- Traffic Tickets Issued**

- **3- Arrests**

- **9- Assists with other Agencies**

- Chief Murphree awarded Turner Houck with a certificate of appreciation for helping assist Assistant Chief Earl Kinley during an incident. Murphree also thanked all of the agencies that responded to this call including Orangeburg County, Santee, Eutawville, and Holly Hill.
- Chief Murphree also recognized and thanked Town Clerk Freda Trupiano, Lindsey Wiles and Harry Dash with Streets and Parks, Mayor Michael Fanning, and Assistant Chief Earl Kinley for helping during the flood on July 30th.
- Chief Murphree recognized Lieutenant Austin Arant and Deputy Anthony with Orangeburg County for assisting with the Santee IGA robbery incident. Murphree thanked both of them for their bravery and a job well done. He also thanked Captain Randall Culler of the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department for his assistance.

Lieutenant Austin Arant was presented with a medal of Valor and a certificate of commendation. Deputy Anthony was also presented with a certificate of commendation.

· **Clerk's Report**

- Town Clerk Freda Trupiano presented Mayor Fanning and Council with the clerk's report.

June

<u>Total Fines Collected</u>	\$3073.88
· State Treasurer	\$1736.91
· Victims Fund	\$213.82
· Savings	\$1123.15

July

<u>Total Fines Collected</u>	\$3772.00
· State Treasurer	\$2182.75
· Victims Fund	\$311.45
· Savings	\$1277.80

- The next court date will be August 20, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

· **Upcoming Events**

- Kayla Risher reported on the upcoming events in the town of Ellore. She stated that Trash to Treasures is on September 22, 2018 from 8am-2pm. There will be street vendors, food vendors, and the local shops will be open. There will be yard sales around the town as well. Risher mentioned that flyers and applications have been mailed out, posted around town and surrounding areas, and posted on social media. She also mentioned that if anyone would like to apply as a vendor stop by Town Hall to fill out an application or visit the town website at www.elloreesc.com and download an application under the events section. It is \$10 for a vendor spot and \$40 for a food vendor space.

- Trunk or Treat will follow Trash to Treasures, the date for Trunk or Treat is October 31, 2018 from 6pm-8pm at Joe Miller Park on the walking trail.
- The last event for 2018 is the Christmas Parade which is on December 8, 2018. The parade will start at 6pm.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Mike Fanning gave an update from the Department of Transportation on the drainage issue on downtown Cleveland Street. He stated that DOT has ordered the truck that vacuums out the drains and that will be their first step to solve the issue. Mayor Fanning mentioned that in 1996 the storm drains were upgraded from 12" drains to 24" drains in the downtown section. Fanning stated that DOT had moved us up the work orders list. He stated that DOT's first step is to vacuum out the drain systems downtown, a possible next step for them would be to install cameras under HWY 6 to see if the problem may be in that area.
- Mayor Fanning mentioned that a lot of trees and brush has been taken out of Loyns Park. The azaleas were pruned, the ditch areas have been cleaned and treated, and we are looking at getting another park sign for the other side of the park. He stated that we have a PARD grant that we are working on so the town can further improve Loyns Park. Fanning stated that we are committed to improving Loyns Park whether we get outside money or not.
- Fanning stated that Jamie Hickman has begun work on the old watch tower in the Hallman Parking Lot. He has power washed it and is going to paint it also.
- Mayor Fanning mentioned that we asked for a \$6,600 grant for Joe Miller Park improvements such as a cast aluminum historical marker sign explaining the significance of Joe Miller, to replace playground equipment and add a tandem swing that holds the child and parent, and add a wrought iron fence around the playground area.
- Mike stated that the town website is under construction and we will have a completely new, organized, and easily accessible website when it is finished. The new website will also allow for the town staff to easily make updates about events and such. The new website will also be smartphone and tablet friendly.
- Mayor Fanning mentioned that we have new Welcome to Elloree signs that will be put up soon. He also stated that we have gotten a bid through a private company to replace the street signs in town with antique marker type signs. If this turns out too pricey they will be replaced with DOT signs.

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- **Old Business**

- None.

- **New Business**

- Mayor Fanning mentioned that two Council Members attended the Summer Municipal Association Meeting. Council Member Kim Gidron mentioned that she learned a lot about other town's improvement plans and she hopes that the town of Elloree can do something similar. There will be an official Summer Municipal Association Meeting recap at the next town council meeting.

- **Executive Session**

- None.

- **Adjournment**

- ___ Mrs. Patricia Dash read a scripture and said a short prayer for the adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:59.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda H. Trupiano

Town Clerk/Treasurer