

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 14, 2018

5:30 PM

Present:

Mayor Mike Fanning

Bill Brandenburg, Council Member

Harold Void, Council Member

Kim Gidron, Council Member

Freda H. Trupiano, Town Clerk

Kayla F. Risher, Administrative Assistant

Shawn Murphree, Police Chief

Earl Kinley, Assistant Police Chief

- 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.

Swearing in of Council Member Chip Davis and Water Commissioner Mike Spivey

- Mayor Mike Fanning thanked Chip Davis and Mike Spivey for stepping forward to fulfill this civic duty. He then welcomed the new Council Member Chip Davis, and Mr. Davis was sworn in before Judge Chasity Sanders Avinger. Mike Spivey was then sworn in before Judge Chasity Sanders Avinger. Mr. Spivey was welcomed as the new Water Commissioner.

· **Approval of Minutes**

- Council Member Harold Void made a motion to approve the council minutes from April 9, 2018. Council Member Bill Brandenburg seconded the motion and all were in favor.

· **Ellore Water Department Report**

- In the absence of Cole Dantzler, no Water Department report was given.

· **Public Comments, Concerns, Information or Recommendations to Council**

- Tonya Weaver spoke about her concerns with residential traffic. She is specifically concerned about speeding on West Hampton Street. Purchasing a portable radar unit was mentioned again by Mayor Fanning. Mayor Fanning mentioned that we take these concerns into consideration as we start the budget process.

· **Police Report**

- Assistant Chief Earl Kinley presented the April 2018 Police Report.
- There were 73 calls for service and 77 total citations issued.

Tickets and Arrests:

- 1- Child Restraint
- 15- Seatbelts
- 34- Thoughtless Operation
- 8- Driver's License Violations
- 7- Vehicle Violations
- 1- Littering
- 2- Simple Possession of Marijuana
- 2- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- 1- Supply of Tobacco to Minor

- 5- Open Containers

1- Bomb Threat

- Assistant Chief Kinley encouraged the community to be more involved in the crime watch meetings. The next crime watch meeting will be June 5th at 6 pm.
- Kinley stated that the Ellore Police Department assisted the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office in locating a missing minor child. Kinley thanked Mayor Fanning and the members of the community who came out that day to assist them. The child was returned home safely.
- Kinley mentioned that Chief Murphree attended and graduated the Police Chief's School at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.
- Mayor Fanning gave a special thanks to the Ellore Police Department for their efforts in locating the missing child.

Clerk's Report

- Town Clerk Freda Trupiano presented Mayor Fanning and Council with the financial report for the month of April.

April

<u>Total Fines Collected</u>	\$4,048.00
• State Treasurer	\$2060.46
• Victims Fund	\$413.80
• Savings	\$1,573.74

- The next court date will be June 18, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Mike Fanning mentioned that the first load of dirt was distributed at Joe Miller Park. He stated that we are very appreciative of the dirt that was donated by Gasque Farms.
- Mayor Fanning stated that we are having some issues with the public restrooms particularly the one in the Hollman Parking lot. This restroom continues to be trashed and the town is considering keeping it locked and only opening for special events and town festivals.
- The town is now researching dog leash laws in adjacent towns, specifically cleaning up after one's dog.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Mayor Fanning asked the council to schedule a date for budget workshops within the next few weeks.
- Mayor Fanning mentioned that the next town celebration will be the July 4th celebration. Council Member Bill Brandenburg is working on obtaining a military vehicle supported by the South Carolina National Guard and possibly a helicopter for this celebration. Mayor Fanning stated that the town is working on asking community groups to get involved by donating drinks, hot dogs, and watermelon to serve at the celebration. He would like Council to be actively involved with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Soldier's Prayer, and recognizing members of our Armed Forces and First Responders present.
- Mayor Fanning stated on a side note that if there is any work that Pike needs to fix such as dirt piles or holes contact the town.

Executive Session

- None.

· **Adjournment**

- Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Council Member Kim Gidron and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Freda H. Trupiano

Town Clerk/Treasurer