

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

5:30 PM

Present:

Mayor Michael Fanning

Bill Brandenburg, 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

Lt. Officer Austin Arant

Call to Order

- Mayor Michael Fanning called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Council member Harold Void and his family during this time of loss.
- Mayor Michael 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.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to approve the council minutes from September 10, 2018. Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Elloree Water Department Report

- Ms. Cole Dantzler of the Elloree Water System presented the report. The Elloree Water System had 59 work orders for the month of September and 645 customers were billed. September's estimated water loss was 10%. Waste Water Plant had no

violations with SCDHEC and the water Bacti samples were in compliance. The next meeting for the Ellore Water System will be November 13, 2018 @ 6:00PM.

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

- Claudette Pauling spoke about her concerns with transportation needed for the area and the history of the R.J. Anderson Center.
- Penny Garrett spoke of organizing a Business Association in cooperation with the Town. There is a meeting of the business owners this Thursday evening at 5:30 in the Old Boland's Pharmacy building. All those interested are invited to attend.

· **Police Report**

- Chief Shawn Murphree presented the September 2018 Police Report.
- There were 53 calls for service.

Tickets and Arrests:

· **19- Traffic Tickets Issued**

· **7- Warnings Issued**

· **1- Felony Warrant Served**

- Chief Murphree thanked the Mayor, Town Staff, Streets and Parks, and Police Officers for assisting in preparations for Hurricane Michael and for their help during and after the storm.

· **Clerk's Report**

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

September

<u>Total Fines Collected</u>	\$ 4271.50
· State Treasurer	\$2395.40
· Victims Fund	\$294.91
· Savings	\$1581.19

- The next court date will be October 15, 2018 at 4:30 PM.

Upcoming Events

- Kayla Risher gave an update on planning of Trunk or Treat and encouraged everyone to sign up for the event. Risher reminded everyone that candy donations are greatly appreciated as the event historically has over one thousand children participating.
- Candy donations are being accepted at the Town Hall.
- She stated that the town was on schedule with planning for the Christmas Parade which takes place on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 6pm. Risher reported that the registration forms have been mailed out to previous participants and the judges have been chosen.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Michael Fanning began by thanking the Town Staff for the "ownership" they take of the town in storm preparedness for the town. He also thanked the staff of the Ellore Water Department for their assistance. In preparation for Hurricane Florence, one of their employees, Mr. Chris Finch assisted SCDOT by physically going down into the drain and helped to define the problem area. One problem area was identified and plans are being made to repair the drain.
- Mayor Fanning thanked Ms. Katie Carson, of Carson Trucking, for providing a truckload of sand for residents and business owners to fill sandbags.
- He thanked Mr. Harry Lee Dash of the Streets and Parks Department for providing support during the storm.
- He also thanked the Town Hall staff for packing up equipment and files in Town Hall in order to protect them from potential flooding.
- Mayor Fanning mentioned that the new welcome signs should be in place by the next council meeting at two entrances, on Hwy 47/Midway Road and also Hwy 6 from St. Matthews.
- Mayor Fanning mentioned the new town website is being developed with the help of the Town Staff and hopes are for it to be launched by the next council meeting. It will be cell phone and smart-device compatible. The professional photographer, Mr. Donny Knight has provided photos for the new website.
- The town will be purchasing a new truck for the Streets and Parks Department under the state contract from Vic Bailey Ford in Spartanburg, SC with a \$6000.00 savings. The current pickup will then be designated as the secondary vehicle.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Mayor Fanning presented the Town of Ellore Special Notice Election to fill the unexpired council seat 2 as required by law, due to the death of Councilman Harold Void on October 14, 2018. The first "Notice of Election" and "Notice of Filing Ad" will be October 25, 2018. Election Day will be January 8, 2019. This schedule was provided by the County of Orangeburg Voter Registration and Elections.
- Mayor Fanning signed the Rotary International Proclamation declaring October 24, 2018 as World Polio Day in Ellore, and encouraged all citizens to join in the fight for a polio-free world.
- Mayor Fanning and Council member Kim Gidron affirmed Council member Bill Brandenburg as Mayor Pro Tem.
- The US Flag will be flown half-staff at the Town Hall and Joe Miller Park on Friday in honor of Council member Harold Void's service to our country and community.

• **Executive Session**

- None.

• **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Freda Herron Trupiano

Town Clerk