

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, April 13, 2015

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

Council Member Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the March 9, 2015 Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harold Void and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

The Mayor Busch recognized Mr. Jack Lane the Chairman of the Park and Recreation Committee of Elloree. Mr. Lane spoke about the need for designated parking at Joe Miller Park. Having designated parking would help with the safety of everyone that uses the park as well as keeping people from parking on the grass which could potentially harm the grass. The Park and Recreation Committee has three estimates for the project, with one including 72 parking spaces. The parking Spaces would be asphalt with painted lines and a concrete bumper stops.

The Park and Recreation Committee has been working on a few other ideas that would help increase the beauty of our parks. One idea that was brought to the committees attention was from Mayor Busch. The Mayor would like to see some kind of water feature in the middle of Joe Miller Park. Mr. Lane and the rest of the Park and Recreation Committee will be looking into this idea along with other ideas and make their suggestions to the Mayor and Council.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 95 work orders in March and 642 water customers billed. Water loss was at 6% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The next Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on April 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Police Chief Avinger presented the Police Report for March 2015. During the month the police department responded to (24) calls for request for service and arrested (10) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) Arrest for Open Container,
- (1) arrest for Operating Uninsured Vehicle, and Open Container,
- (1) arrest for Driving Under Susp., Open Container, and Poss. of Marijuana,
- (1) arrests for Driving Under Susp., Poss. of Marijuana, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia, and Poss. of Cocaine,
- (2) arrest for a subject who was wanted on an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction, and
- (4) arrest for operating a business without a town business license.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Complaint of a loud noise emanating from the ventilation unit and/or AC unit that is located rooftop at Track Side Restaurant,
- (2) report of Larceny... one picnic table from a vacant property and a pocketbook from the IGA where the victim wasn't sure if she lost it or it was stolen,
- (3) false alarm calls,
- (1) welfare check request on a minor child that was left unattended,
- (4) routine request for assistance by South State Bank,
- (1) medical assist at Ellore Smith Senior Living Center,
- (1) report of malicious injury to real property at Lyons Park, and
- (1) request for assistance by Santee Police Dept.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (41) traffic stops and issued (33) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other

criminal offences not related to traffic.

Chief Avinger gave an update on the 38th Annual Cooper River Bridge Run that he participated in on March 28, 2015. He wanted to thank everyone who supported him during his preparations and he also thanked those who donated to Semper Fi Fund charity page. With everyone's help Chief Avinger was not only the top donor for his charity he was the top donor for all the charities connected to the bridge run. His initial goal was \$700 dollars however, the final tally was \$3,165 dollars. Chief Avinger expressed a special thanks to a few people that made a donation that are affiliated with the town in one way or another.

- Mayor Pro Tem, Mike Fanning
- Councilman, Milt Felder
- Town Clerk, Robin Newton
- Officer, Shawn Murphree
- Town employee, Daisy Pauling
- Ellore Election Commissioner, Roger Keller
- Ellore, Fire Chief, Craig Hill
- Ellore Water Commission Chairman, Jane Singh
- Santee Mayor Pro Tem, Sheryl Patrick
- Santee Police Chief, Bing Jones
- Orangeburg City Assistant Town Administrator, John Singh

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$873.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$383.07
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$108.27
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$381.66 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for March 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 second the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin gave an update on the audit. Speaking with Mr. Murdaugh with Murdaugh & Associates, CPA LLC on April 6, 2015, he stated that the audit would be completed by May.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch asked for an update on the Capital Projects Penny Sales Tax. Council Members as of this time, have not received any feedback on this matter.

IX. New Business

Mayor Busch informed Council Members that the Ellore Heritage Museum has formally requested funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the town that are given each year to help with general upkeep, utilities, and maintenance of the museum. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to pay the funds to the museum. Council Member Milt Felder second the motion and all voted to accept.

Mayor Busch asked Council to look over the Ordinance NO: 10-08-12.001 Collection of Yard Trash and Leaves to help clarify the fee. The ordinance states: Yard trash containers are available once per week. Additional dumpsters will not be provided unless the Town Hall receives a written request and advance payment of \$25.00 per additional dumpster from the property owner.

Mayor Busch gave an update on Pork Fest which was held on April 10 & 11, 2015. The Mayor thanked all the workers of Pork Fest and he felt that the event went well.

Mayor Busch informed Council that there was a letter in their binders from Samuetta Marshall, Corner for Orangeburg County. The letter is in reference to a situation that the Ellore Police Department had with the Deputy Corner. In the letter Ms. Marshall informed the police department that the Deputy Coroner clearly over stepped his bounds in the matter and that the Police Department had jurisdiction.

Mayor Busch swore in Mr. Hugh M^cLaurin IV as the newest member of the Ellore Water Commissioner.

The next Town 'Council Meeting will be May 12, 2015 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual matters with landscaping, and Stanley Steemer. Council Member Fanning made a motion, Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m..

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. and Council member Milt Felder second the motion, all voted to accept.

Council member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town of Ellore to advertized a landscaping bid that would cover Joe Miller Park, Lyons Park, and cutting and edging of Hwy 6 and Cleveland Street. From a period of May through September. The ad will run in the Calhoun Times until April 27, 2015. Council Member Harold Void Second the motion, all were in favor.

There was no action take on the contractual matter with Stanley Steemer.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk