

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Tuesday, April 1, 2008**

**Present:** Van A. Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
Michael Fanning, Council Member  
Chasity Sanders Canaday, Clerk/Treasurer  
Larry McDowell, General Manager, Ellore Water System  
John D. Singh, Town Administrator  
Preston Avinger, Chief of Police

### **I. Call to Order**

Mayor Van Stickles called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

### **II. Opening Prayer**

Councilman Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting. Councilman Mike Fanning seconded. All were in favor.

### **IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment**

Director Jane Livingston of the Ellore Heritage Museum and Cultural Center invited the public to attend the Museum's elevator opening on Friday, April 4, 2008 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. There will be a silent auction, food, and entertainment by the Moonlighters.

Chairman Jack Lane of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the committee's initial meetings and future plans. The committee met on February 9<sup>th</sup> for their first meeting and elected Jack Lane to serve as Chairman, Derrick Dash as vice-chairman, and Elizabeth Fogle as secretary.

The group met again on March 23 at the Ellore Heritage Museum and came up with five initial recommendations for the Mayor. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2008 at 6:00pm.

John Singh gave an update on the ballfield project. South Carolina Electric and Gas assisted with the take-down of the poles and wiring from the old ballfield lights. He thanked SCE&G and Butch Crosby for their assistance. The ballfield is now operational, and the project is well underway.

## **V. Water Commission Report**

Ellore Water Commission General Manager Larry McDowell presented the monthly report and minutes of the March 11, 2008 water commission meeting to the council.

He said the system completed 30 work orders and billed 641 customers during March.

The system billed 362 customers on behalf of the town for household trash services. The estimated water loss was 15%, down from 18% in February.

There were no violations for the water or wastewater facilities from the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

He added that the Hampton Street well is on line and operational. There were a few minor issues when the well initially came on-line, particularly with some water discoloration, but those issues were quickly resolved.

McDowell also noted that Water System Clerk Linda Williams has retired, and Cole Dantzler has replaced her. He thanked Williams for her years of service and noted that she will be missed.

General Manager McDowell also reported that the Ellore Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System.

## **VI. Police Report**

Chief Preston Avinger delivered the monthly report for the Ellore Police Department, reporting the following information for action taken:

**21 Calls for Service**

**17 Arrests**

**2 Arrests** for Public Disorderly Conduct

**1 Arrest** for Driving under Suspension

**1 Arrest** for Simple Assault

**4 Arrests** for Open Container

**1 Arrest** for Minor in Possession  
**1 Arrest** for Drug Paraphernalia  
**7 Arrests** for Possession of Marijuana  
**1 Arrest** for possession with intent to distribute powder cocaine, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, and possession with intent involving both substances within proximity of Joe Miller Park.  
**1 Recovery** of a runaway juvenile who was missing from Calhoun County  
**2 Requests for Assistance** from other agencies  
**38 Traffic Stops**  
**26 Uniform traffic tickets**

He noted that the majority of the charges occurred the day of the Elloree Trials.

## **VII. Administrator Report**

Administrator John Singh delivered the Administrator's report, noting that the Town has completed Phase III of the Cleveland Street Streetscape, which covers the area between Highway 6 and Lexington Street.

The annual Rabies Clinic is scheduled for April 22, 2008 from 4:00pm-6:00pm and will be held at the old fire station.

Pork Fest is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Joe Miller Park. The event will feature an Anything but Pork competition on Friday night from 6:30pm-8:00pm and a barbeque cook-off on Saturday from 10:30am-12:00pm, which will be judged by the South Carolina Barbeque Association. Both events will also feature a popular vote.

Administrator Singh reminded business owners that business license fees were due by March 31, but may still be paid without penalty until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Operating without a business license carries a \$200.00 fine.

## **VIII. Old Business**

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance #03-04-2008 approving the annexation request of Phillip Roland regarding TMS#0285-00-05-023.000. The property is located on Cleveland Street and will be the home of the proposed Barkley Place development. The property will be zoned R-1 Residential and will be brought into the Town limits on May 6, following the third and final reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Mike Fanning seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A public hearing regarding the annexation will be held on April 10 at 6:00pm.

**IX. New Business**

The Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation will hold their Spring quarterly meeting at the Town Hall on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

The next Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at the Town Hall.

**X. Executive Session\*\*\***

There was no executive session.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickle adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chasity Sanders Canaday, Town Clerk/Treasurer