

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, April 9, 2012

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael Fanning, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Chasity Sanders Avinger, Acting Town Clerk

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 Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

Resident Claudette Pauling addressed the mayor and council regarding several concerns including the public use of Joe Miller Park and the recognition of an Elloree native at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. Mayor Stickles noted that the individual was recognized in the Times and Democrat newspaper and asked Officer Lin Shirer to discuss the events at Joe Miller Park.

Councilman Harold Void and Mayor Van Stickles discussed several recent incidents at Joe Miller Park. Resident Daisy Pauling and Officer Lin Shirer also discussed recent damage at the park.

Ms. Pauling also discussed concern about the lack of a Meals on Wheels program in Ellore. Councilman Void noted that he spoke to County Councilman Johnny Ravenell and was told that there are not enough individuals in Ellore to provide the service in this area.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to require resident Claudette Pauling to submit all requests to address council in writing by the required council deadline. Furthermore, the motion would require Ms. Pauling to submit a written statement regarding her request to council. He noted that his motion is based on Ms. Pauling's repeated outbursts and belligerent behavior during council meetings and other town events. His motion was seconded by Councilman Butler, and the motion was approved. Councilman Harold Void and Mayor Van Stickles voted against the motion. Councilman Mike Fanning, Councilman Milt Felder, and Councilman Barbara Butler voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Fanning will send a letter to Ms. Pauling regarding the requirement.

V. Water Commission Report

Systems Manager Cole Dantzler delivered the council report for the Water System and provided the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of April.

The Water System completed 38 work orders and billed 646 water customers during the month of March. They also billed 319 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 25 %.

All water and wastewaters facilities are in compliance with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.

There will be a public hearing on April 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ellore Water System to discuss the results of the rate study conducted by Rural Water Association along with the structure of the water and sewer rates.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System building.

VI. Police Report

A report for March was presented at the meeting by Assistant Chief Lin Shirer, with the following information for action taken:

- **1 Arrest for Disorderly Conduct**
- **1 Arrest for Open Container**
- **1 Arrest for Open Liquor in a motor vehicle**
- **1 Arrest for DUI and leaving the scene of an accident**
- **2 Arrests for Parties to a Crime in relation to the leaving the scene of an accident**
- **2 Arrests for sale of Alcohol to a Minor (Corner Store AND Backstreet Bar and Grill)**
- **22 Calls for Service**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **6 requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **21 Uniform Traffic Tickets**

Acting Clerk Chasity Avinger presented the Police Fines Report for the month of March, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2243.13**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1236.80**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$141.25**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$865.08 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Acting Clerk referred Council members to the March 2012 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Chasity Avinger updated the mayor and council regarding upcoming events. The Town will be hosting Pork Fest at Joe Miller Park on April 13 and 14. They are still looking for local teams to compete and for individuals to paint the Pork Fest pigs for the silent auction at the event. Advance tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10 and are available at the Ellore Town Hall and Avinger Law Firm in Santee. The Museum will also host a bake sale during the event from 9:00am until 12:00noon.

The annual Rabies Clinic will be held on April 17th at the old fire station on Cleveland Street from 4:00pm-6:00pm. The cost will be \$7.00 per cat or dog.

Clerk Avinger noted that letters will be going out to residents regarding household garbage service before the end of April. She has contacted Suburban Disposal to confirm the final service date under their contract, as well.

Mayor Stickles noted that repairs to the old depot building and the gazebo at Joe Miller Park have been completed. The repairs were approved at the March 2012 town council meeting.

Clerk Avinger informed council that the copier purchase approved in the March 2012 council meeting has been completed, also. The new copier has been delivered and the old one removed by Carolina Business Systems.

The Clerk informed the mayor and council that the town baseball field is being used on an almost daily basis. She asked them to remind residents that the ballfield is free to use, but reservations are recommended. Free field reservations can be made by contacting the Town Hall.

Clerk Avinger also reminded everyone that business licenses are not past due and should be paid as quickly as possible to avoid additional late fees.

VIII. Old Business

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve third and final reading of Ordinance 02-13-12-1: Procurement Policy. He was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder and all were in favor.

IX. New Business

Mayor Van Stickles presented a resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month. Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012. Please note that this is a change from the regular meeting date.

X. Executive Session***

Councilman Fanning made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and was seconded by Councilman Butler. Council entered into executive session at 6:19pm.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to leave executive session and was seconded by Councilman Butler. Council reentered regular session at 6:28pm.

Councilman Butler made a motion to extend Chasity Avinger's position until April 30 and was seconded by Councilman Felder. All were in favor.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to advertise for a part-time person to work at the Town Hall. Council decided to advertise by posting fliers at the Town Hall, Post Office, and Water Department and by posting online notices on the town's Facebook page, website, and Craigslist.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Void and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity Sanders Avinger, Acting Town Clerk