

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, April 8, 2013

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Mike Fanning, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Barbara Butler provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

Mayor Van Stickles and town council reviewed a request from Ryan Tollefson regarding a business license. Mr. Rollefson expressed concern regarding the amount of the business license and asked if the town could reduce his license fee from \$45.50 to \$25.00. Council expressed concern regarding their ability to make special exceptions to an ordinance and agreed to send Mr. Rollefson a written response.

The mayor and council also reviewed a complaint from resident Tiffany Loren of Hampton Street regarding the baseball field on Harlin Street. Loren expressed concern that balls are coming onto her property. Council agreed that Councilman Mike Fanning will research possible options for addressing the concerns on the ballfield. Town staff will follow up with a letter to her and to Denise Pfaff, another resident of Hampton Street who also expressed concern regarding the ballfield.

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve Lucille Dash-Brown for the Planning Commission and Roger Keller as a member of the Election Commission. Councilman Harold Void was in favor, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickle swore in both officials during the meeting.

Mayor Van Stickle read a proclamation recognizing the week of April 21-27 as National Crime Victims Week. Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to accept the proclamation and was seconded by Councilman Mike Fanning. All were in favor. A copy of the signed proclamation will also be forwarded to the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office for use during their recognition of the week's observance.

V. Water Commission Report

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System, along with the minutes of the March water commission meeting.

There were 57 work orders in March and 640 water customers billed. Water loss was 5% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

It was noted that the Misty Woods subdivision has opted not to be part of the Tee Vee Road water extension project being completed as part of the Community Development Block Grant.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System building.

VI. Police Report

A report for March was presented at the meeting by Chasity Avinger, with the following information for action taken:

- **11 Requests for Service**
- **1 Arrest for No SC Driver's License**
- **1 Arrest for Minor in Possession**
- **4 Arrests for Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- **1 Arrest for Driving under the Influence**
- **1 Arrest for Leaving the Scene of an Accident**
- **1 Arrest for Grand Larceny/Possession of a Stolen Vehicle**
- **2 Arrests for Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol**
- **2 Arrests for Possession of Pistol by Person Convicted of Violent Crimes**
- **1 Arrest for Wanted Subject for Failure to Register Sex Offender**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **5 Requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **12 Other traffic offenses**
- **27 Uniform Traffic Tickets**
- **The Department also conducted compliance checks at all businesses selling alcohol and tobacco products. All stores were in compliance.**

Avinger also presented the Police Fines Report for the month of March, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2260.50**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1302.12**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$153.64**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$804.74 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Avinger referred Council members to the March 2013 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. She noted that the Town is at approximately 61% for revenues collected and approximately 68% for expenditures, both of which are on target for the budget year.

Avinger reminded the mayor and council members that each of them needs to file their annual Statement of Economic Interests with the State Ethics Commission before April 15. All council members and the mayor noted that they had filed their required reports online and agreed to provide a copy to the Town Hall.

Pork Fest is scheduled for April 12 and 13 at Joe Miller Park. Anything But BBQ will be held on Friday night, and the BBQ cook-off will be held on Saturday. Chasity Avinger noted that Friday night's event will begin at 6:00pm and Saturday's public serving will begin at 11:00am. There is a \$50.00 fee for a team to participate, and additional teams are welcome to sign up until Friday.

The annual Rabies Clinic will be held on April 16 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the old fire station on Cleveland Street. The fee will be \$7.00 per cat or dog.

Avinger noted that she hopes to present the audit to council within the next month.

Zoning Administrator Chasity Avinger noted that the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals are now full, following the swearing in of Lucille Dash-Brown. Training sessions will be offered in May. She also noted that there is one pending request before the Board of Zoning Appeals which will also be considered within the next month.

Avinger also noted that the Election is now full with the addition of Roger Keller.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2013-14 budget by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler and all were in favor.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2013 Husqvarna riding mower for the Streets and Parks Department in the approximate amount of \$6159.96 plus tax. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded and all were in favor.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, May 13, 2013 at 5:30pm.

X. Executive Session***

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual issue and was seconded by Councilman Harold Void. All were in favor and council entered into executive session at 6:25pm.

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to leave executive session and was seconded by Councilman Mike Fanning. All were in favor and council left executive session at 6:41pm. No action was taken.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Winningham, Town Clerk