

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, April 14, 2014

Present: Stan Busch, Mayor
Mike Fanning, Council Member
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member – Not present

Andrew Friedman, Acting Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stan Busch called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Void and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

Special guests

Mayor Busch recognized Mr. Kevin Oglesby from the South Carolina Department of Transportation who is in charge of removal of debris from the ice storms

Mr. Oglesby reported that debris removal operations were suspended last Tuesday pending evaluation until further notice. Mayor Busch said that all of Ellore has been taken care of.

Mayor Busch recognized Mr. Willie Booker & Ms. Laura Washington-Ferguson of the Boys and Girls Club.

Ms. Washington-Ferguson wanted to clarify that the Boys & Girls Club uses the gym at Joe Miller Park, but that they are not responsible for the building itself. The logo on the building is theirs, but the Boys & Girls Club is not responsible for building.

Because there is no heat and no air in the gym academic programs are at being held at the Ellore Eleem school from 3-5 pm, and then 5 -7 at the gym of a total of 4 hrs/day. Ms. Washington distributed a calendar of events.

Ellore is one of 9 locations in Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties.

Councilman Void questioned who can be in the Boys & Girls Club, and Ms. Washington-Ferguson responded that only children up to age 18. Councilman Void questioned if the gym is available at times other than when the Boys & Girls Club is there. Ms. Washington-Ferguson said that the Town controls the use of the gym.

Mayor Busch introduced the new Town Clerk – Connie Martin. Today was her first day.

V. Water Commission Report

Donna Reynolds presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System, along with the minutes of the February water commission meeting.

There were 81 work orders in March and 638 water customers billed. Water loss was at 5% for the month, down from 14% in February. 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 May 13, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Office Shawn Murphree presented the Police Report for March:

Reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- 7 Arrests for Open Container
- 1 Arrest for Operating Uninsured Mother Vehicle
- 1 Arrest for Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle
- Transported one adult to TRMC for a mental and physical evaluation
- Officer Murphree discovered a large quantity of narcotics during a welfare check that originated in Ellore and ended in the Town of Santee. Officer Murphree turned the subject over to the Santee Police Dept., who in turn, charged the subject with Trafficking in Crack, PWID Cocaine, PWID Marijuana, PWID Schedule IV prescription narcotics and PWID in or near a park. Chief Avinger assisted the Santee Police Dept. with the technical aspect of the charges and in obtaining the arrest warrants.
- Responded to 3 false alarm calls
- 4 routine calls to assist SCB&T

- 1 Requests for assistance by the SCHK
- Officer Lin Shirer and the Elloree Police Department received an Alcohol Breathalyzer for the detection of underage drinkers. This was obtained free of charge due to Officer Shirer's active participation with the 1st Judicial Alcohol Enforcement Team. The breathalyzer is valued at approximately \$1,500.00.

The Police Department conducted 38 traffic stops and issued 26 Uniform Traffic Tickets. *NOTE: Some UT Tickets may be issued for non-traffic related offenses.

Councilman Void brought up that he sees too many speeding vehicles on Hwy 6 in the morning when he is up at 7:30 am. Officer Murphree said he would discuss the issue with Chief Avinger.

The Acting Administrative Assistant presented the Police Fines Report for the month of February showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected:** \$968.38
- **Remitted to State Treasurer:** \$271.14
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund:** \$18.99
- **Revenue Retained by Town:** *\$678.27 (Placed in Savings)

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Council reviewed the February 2014 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. Councilman Fanning moved to accept the financial reports. Councilman Void seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

The Mayor asked Andrew Friedman to provide a brief recap of Pork Fest. Mr. Friedman reported on Friday evening's Anything But Pork and the events of Saturday's Pork Fest.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Mayor Busch discussed wanting to discuss a more cost effective transient license fee for vendors who do only single day jobs in town or are sidewalk type vendors. Mayor Busch said he would have a specific proposal based on the current business license rates at next month's meeting.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve a one day business license in title only. Councilwoman Gidron seconded and all voted in favor.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, May 12, 2014 at 5:30pm.

X. Executive Session***

Mayor Busch requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Councilman Fanning moved to go into Executive Session and Councilman Void seconded and all were in favor.

Councilman Void made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fanning and all were in favor.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to appoint Ms. Connie Martin as Town Clerk, The motion was seconded by Councilman Void and all approved.

Mayor Busch made a motion to appoint Dan McMahon as temporary Clerk of Courts for no more than 10 hours per week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Void and all were in favor.

XI. Adjournment

Councilwoman Gidron made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Fanning. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Friedman, Acting Administrative Assistant