

**Minutes of Council Meeting  
Tuesday, August 5, 2008**

**Present:** Van A. Stickles, Mayor  
Michael Fanning, Council Member  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
Chasity Sanders Canaday, Clerk/Treasurer  
Larry McDowell, General Manager, Ellore Water System  
John D. Singh, Town Administrator  
Joseph P. 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 July 8, 2008 meeting. Councilman Mike Fanning seconded. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved as written.

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

Wayne L. Shuler of Santee addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Police Department and an incident that occurred on July 1, 2008.

**V. Water Commission Report**

Ellore Water Commission General Manager Larry McDowell presented the monthly report and minutes of the July 8, 2008 water commission meeting to the council. He said the system completed 43 work orders and billed 641 customers. The system billed 353 customers on behalf of the town for household trash services. The estimated water loss was 20%, up from 19% in June.

There were no DHEC violations for the month of July at the wastewater or water treatment facility.

He noted that the Water System purchased a new sewer jet machine and a 4" pump for the Warrior Drive lift station. The auto dialers have been installed and are working, and the Food Lion tank is scheduled to be cleaned in the next month.

The Water System will be testing fire hydrants and flushing them in the next month, also, per annual requirements from DHEC.

General Manager McDowell also reported that the Ellore Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System.

## **VI. Police Report**

Chief Joseph P. Avinger delivered the Police Department's monthly report, reporting the following information for action taken:

### **26 Requests for Service**

#### **9 Arrests**

#### **Reportable Incidents:**

- Shoplifting at the Dollar General
- Larceny of a trailer from Ellore Gin Company
- Larceny of a vehicle tag

#### **Non-Reportable Incidents:**

- Four Calls for Assistance from the Santee Police Department
- Two Calls for Assistance from the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office
- Eight false alarm calls
- One request for assistance with a mentally ill patient

#### **Incidents that Included Arrests:**

- One Arrest for Loitering
- One Arrest for Unlawfully Carrying a Handgun
- One Arrest for Possession of Crack Cocaine
- One Arrest for Possession of Powder Cocaine
- One Arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana
- Two Arrests of Subjects wanted from other jurisdictions
- One Arrest for Obstruction of Justice
- One Arrest on a Bench Warrant for Failure to Pay

#### **65 Traffic Stops**

#### **49 Uniform traffic tickets**

Chief Avinger announced that the Ellore Police Department has become a member of Operation Intercept, organized by the U.S. Marshalls Service. Chief Preston Avinger, Investigator Lin Shirer, and Officer Shawn Murphree will be sworn in on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

He also announced that the Police Department has joined the Task Force on Senior Fraud organized by the South Carolina Lt. Governor's Office on Aging. They will host a Senior Forum on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 10:30am at First Baptist Church.

#### **VII. Administrator Report**

Administrator John Singh delivered the Administrator's report, updating the Mayor and Council on the progress of the new board at the Community Building. The board was destroyed in a car accident and has been replaced with an electronic sign.

#### **VIII. Old Business**

There will be a special election held on October 7, 2008 to fill the remainder of the term left vacant due to the death of Councilman Barry Pauling. He was the councilman for District #2.

The election will be held at the Ellore Town Hall and will be a special write-in election.

#### **IX. New Business**

Administrator Singh asked that council approve an easement for Ralph Crim to allow access to his property, which is adjacent to Joe Miller Park. A motion to approve the 33-foot non-exclusive easement was made by Councilman Mike Fanning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

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

There was no executive session.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor, and Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chasity Sanders Canaday, Town Clerk/Treasurer