

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, August 8, 2011

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael G. Fanning, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Chasity Sanders Avinger, Town Clerk

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 Michael Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 council meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harold Void. All were in favor.

IV. 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 July.

The Water System completed 72 work orders and billed 648 water customers during the month of July. They also billed 324 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 13 %, down from 16 % in June.

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

She noted that the Water System flushed hydrants during July without incident.

She noted that the Water System is working on a rate study with the SC Rural Water Association. The Water System was awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$484,590 for infrastructure improvements.

Elloree Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

V. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

There were no special guests or public comments.

VI. Police Report

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

- **1 Arrest for Malicious Injury to Tree**
- **1 Arrest for Open Container**
- **1 Arrest for Driving Under Suspension**
- **3 Arrests for Financial Transaction Card Fraud**
- **1 Arrest for Bond Violations**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

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

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

- **Total Fines Collected: \$1665.00**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$958.29**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$85.85**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$620.86**

*Retained amount to be placed in Savings.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Clerk presented the July 2011 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. She added that she has met with Town Auditor Chip Summers and is starting to move forward with the 2010-2011 audit.

The Clerk stated that the Town joined the Ellore Heritage Museum to host the Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Thursday, July 21. She noted that several of the downtown businesses remained open beyond their regular hours that evening to accommodate Chamber visitors.

Clerk Avinger noted that Trash to Treasures is scheduled for September 10, 2011. The event will begin at 8:00am and will feature downtown vendors and sidewalk sales throughout town. Vendor spaces can be reserved through the Town, and residents may obtain yard sale permits at no charge through the Town Hall.

Cooking on Cleveland will be held on Friday, October 7 and is open to all businesses, individuals, churches, and civic groups. Fall Fest will be held on October 8. Vendor spaces will be available, and there will be entertainment throughout the day.

Trunk or Treat will be held from 6:00pm-8:00pm on October 31, 2011 at Joe Miller Park. Trunk or Treat is co-sponsored by the Pythian Sisters of Ellore Temple No. 4 and the Ellore Police Department.

Clerk Avinger announced plans to hold a Commerce Forum to plan events for next year and will invite businesses, civic groups, and churches. The Mayor and Council agreed to hold the meeting on September 13, 2011 at 5:00pm at the Town Hall.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Councilman Fanning briefly discussed the proposed rate study for the Water System and suggested that town officials meet with the Water Commission to discuss their budget and their financial status.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2011.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Fanningr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Void and the meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity Sanders Avinger, Town Clerk/Treasurer