

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, August 13, 2012**

**Present:** Van Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
Mike Fanning, Council Member  
Milt Felder, Council Member  
Danielle Sanders-Winningham, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Opening Prayer**

Mayor Van Stickles provided the invocation.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor.

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

There were no special guests or comments.

**V. Water Commission Report**

Water System 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 73 work orders and billed 648 water customers during the month of July. They also billed 314 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. This was the final garbage billing.

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

Dantzler noted that the Service Line Replacement on Highway 6 will be completed around the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Elloree Water Commission will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

## **VI. Police Report**

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

- **1 Arrest for Loitering**
- **5 Arrests for Open Container**
- **3 Arrests for Disorderly Conduct**
- **2 Arrests for Shoplifting**
- **5 Arrests for Simple Possession of Marijuana**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

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

Clerk Danielle Winningham presented the Police Fines Report for the month of July, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$4615.88**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2569.44**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$310.09**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \*\$1736.35 (Placed in Savings)**

## **VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

Danielle Winningham referred Council members to the July 2012 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Winningham noted two letters received in response to council's letter to SCDOT regarding the bridge closure on Cleveland Street between Ellore and the Santee State Park. It has been noted that there is funding for the project and that it should be starting around the end of 2012 or the beginning of 2013.

Winningham commented briefly on upcoming events, noting Trash to Treasures coming up on September 8, 2012. There have been many vendors that have confirmed and more are expected. The next event will be Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2012.

Zoning Administrator Chasity Avinger delivered a zoning update to mayor and council. She noted that the town will need to rezone next year. She also reminded council that there are two seats vacant on the Board of Zoning Appeals and one seat vacant on the Planning Commission. Avinger stressed the need to fill these vacant seats to allow adequate time for training. Mayor Stickles and Councilman Butler agreed to work hard to have a candidate for these positions by the next council meeting in September.

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

Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the second reading of the amendment to the 2012-13 fiscal year budget and to make it the final reading. The amendment increases the revenue from property taxes by \$5,000.00 and increases the salary expense for the Police Department by \$5,000.00. Councilman Felder seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

A letter from the South Carolina Budget and Control Board was received on June 30<sup>th</sup>, dated June 28<sup>th</sup>, noting the town of Ellore is allowed to implement a 3.16% increase, which will be 2 mill increase. Council voted during the May meeting to accept any millage increase as allowed by state statute.

Council approved first reading of the amendment during the July 9, 2012 council meeting. A public hearing was held on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 5:00pm. Mayor Stickles noted no one, except for council, was in attendance at this hearing. Council voted to waive the third reading, which made the second reading the final reading.

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

Andy Friedman spoke on behalf of the Ellore Business Association to ask the Town to apply for Accommodations Tax for 2012. He noted that the Business Association has done multiple fundraisers to assist with payment of ads,

billboards, etc, but that the A-tax money would be a great help. Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the request presented. Councilman Butler seconded and all were in favor. Mayor Stickles noted that he will have Clerk Margo Banks assist the Business Association with this matter.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, September 10, 2012.

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

There was no executive session.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Milt Felder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Winningham, Town Clerk