

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, August 12, 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 July 8, 2013 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

Mayor Stickles introduced Chip Summers, Town Auditor, with Brodie, Summers, and Wilkes out of Orangeburg. Summers presented the 2011-12 Audit to Mayor and Council, noting that the town was given an "unqualified audit," the highest a town can receive. He scanned through the audit with Mayor and Council and noted that if there were any questions, he could be contacted by phone or email. Mayor asked if the upcoming audit could be done in a quicker period of time. Summers noted that this audit took a bit longer than usual because of the town changing accounting systems, but that this next audit should be done before the November deadline.

Andy Friedman with the Ellore Business Association spoke to council briefly, asking the town to request \$7,500.00 from the Accommodations Tax. He noted that updates are needed to the billboards and the rest of the amount would go toward advertising for the Town. Mayor Stickles noted council would discuss under new

business. Friedman also noted an article in the paper regarding the "Abandoned Buildings Development Credits". Mayor Stickles thanked him for the information.

V. Water Commission Report

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

There were 72 work orders in July and 641 water customers billed. Water loss was 10% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Dantzler stated they have tried to contact the original contractor to fix the problems with the pot holes on Highway 6, but have not gotten any response. She stated that Dale has been working to find someone new to come in to fix them. Mayor and council noted many complaints coming in and the need to get it fixed.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System building.

VI. Police Report

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

- **1 Arrest for CDV**
- **1 Arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- **1 Arrest for Driving under the Influence**
- **2 Arrests for Shoplifting**
- **2 Arrests for Driving under Suspension**
- **2 Arrests for Resisting Arrest w/ Assault on Police Officer**
- **1 Arrest for Operating Uninsured Vehicle**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **6 Requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **52 Uniform Traffic Tickets**
- **4 Tickets Issued for Operating without a Business License**

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

- **Total Fines Collected:** \$3438.00
- **Remitted to State Treasurer:** \$1958.59
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund:** \$235.76
- **Revenue Retained by Town:** *\$1243.65 (Placed in Savings)

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Winningham referred Council members to the July 2013 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Winningham noted that mulch was purchased for the playground at Joe Miller Park. Mayor Stickles noted that this is a major expense, but one that must be done for the safety of the children. She also noted the police department had received their new vests. There was a grant that funded most of the costs for the vests.

Winningham stated "Trash to Treasures" will be on September 7, 2013. Fliers have been distributed and applications have been mailed to town residents. She also noted that the Ellore Methodist Church will be opening their doors at 7:00am with its yard sale items, bake sale goods, and also hot dogs and chips.

Winningham asked Chasity Avinger to present an update for Zoning. Avinger noted there are two annexations in process. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, August 27th at 5:30pm, followed by a Planning Commission meeting at 6:00pm. Another public hearing will be held in September and will be presented to council. If anyone would like more information on these annexations, they can turn requests in at the Town Hall and they will be forwarded to Mrs. Avinger.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stickles presented the request by the Ellore Business Association concerning the A-Tax money to Council. Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to accept the request and allow the Town to ask for the funds. Councilman Harold Void seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Stickles also recognized the Business Association for their hard work in planting flowers downtown in the beds around the trees.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, September 9, 2013 at 5:30pm.

X. Executive Session***

XI. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Winningham, Town Clerk