

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, December 6, 2010**

**Present:** Van Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
Michael Fanning, Council Member  
Harold Void, Council Member  
Holley Geiger, Assistant Clerk

### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Opening Prayer**

Councilwoman Barbara Butler provided the invocation.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilwoman Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2010 council meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Void and all were in favor.

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

There were no special guests.

### **V. Water Commission Report**

General Manager Larry McDowell delivered the council report for the Water System, providing the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of November.

The Water System completed 29 work orders and billed 651 water customers during the month of October. They also billed 327 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 12%, down from 14% in September.

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

Elloree Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

Larry McDowell stated that he will be retiring from the Elloree Water System on February 1, 2010.

Mayor Stickles expressed his appreciation to Mr. McDowell for his years of service to the Town.

## **VI. Police Report**

A report for October was presented at the meeting by Chief Preston Avinger, with the following information for action taken:

- **14 Requests for Service**
- **6 Arrests**
- **2 Arrests for Driving under Suspension**
- **3 Arrests for Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- **1 Arrest for pointing and presenting a firearm**
- **1 Arrest for unlawfully carrying a firearm**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **4 calls to assist SC Bank and Trust**
- **2 Requests for assistance from other agencies**
- **14 Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued**

Assistant Clerk, Holley Geiger presented the Police Fines Report for the month of November, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$1642.00**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$912.45**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$73.86**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \$655.69**

Assistant Clerk Geiger noted that the amount retained by the Town was placed in the Savings account.

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

The Assistant Clerk presented the November 2010 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. She also noted that the 2009-2010 audit is in the verifying stage, and is going very well. Clerk Canaday and Assistant Clerk Holley Geiger have met with auditors Chip Summers and Michael Weeks of Brodie, Summers, and Wilkes of Orangeburg, to provide any documentation needed.

Assistant Clerk Geiger reported to the Mayor and Council that the reroofing of the Joe Miller Park Shelter and Bathrooms has been completed.

Assistant Clerk Geiger thanked the Ellore Business Association for providing the lights in the trees on downtown Cleveland St. She also thanked SCE&G for putting the lights on the trees, as well as hanging the wreaths on downtown Cleveland St. A thank you was also given to the Ellore Garden Club for their decorations at Joe Miller Park, and the Evergreen Garden Club for the decorations at Loyns Park. Special thanks were given to Water Manager Larry McDowell and the Ellore Water System for their assistance in taking down the summer banners on Cleveland Street.

Assistant Clerk Geiger reported that A Small Town Christmas was held on Saturday, December 4. A pancake breakfast was held by the Lions Club at the First Baptist Church, and Santa was available at various locations for the children. She thanked Santa Clause for volunteering his time throughout the day, and also thanked all the businesses who sponsored him, especially Kathy Rast, owner of the Old Mil House who coordinated Santa's appearance.

Assistant Clerk Geiger reported that she and Mayor Stickles attended the Arbor Day ceremony held at 10am at Joe Miller Park on Friday November 4, 2010. The Arbor Day proclamation was read by Mayor Van Stickles. Thanks were given to the Ellore Garden Club who provided the River Birch tree and assistance by the Ellore Water System in planting. She also reported that the 2011 Tree City Application has been submitted.

The Town Hall will close at noon on Thursday, December 23, 2010, and all day on Thursday, December 24, in observance of the Christmas holiday. In observance of New Years the Town Hall will close at noon on Friday, December 31, and all day on January 3, 2011.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

**VIII. New Business**

Mayor Stickles presented the Proclamation for Arbor Day. An Arbor Day Program was held on Friday, December 3, 2010 at Joe Miller Park.

Councilman Fanning reported that the Elloree Business Association meeting was well attended. They spoke well of the Town and council members, and would like to encourage new members to attend. They expressed a desire to be an active part of the Town. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2011.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011.

**IX. Executive Session\*\*\***

Councilman Fanning made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. A second was made by Councilwoman Butler at 5:51pm.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to leave executive session at 6:01pm, with a second by Councilwoman Butler.

No action was taken.

**X. Adjournment**

Councilman Fanning made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting and was seconded by Councilman Butler. Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 6:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan H. Geiger, Assistant Clerk