

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, December 8, 2014

Present: Stan Busch, Mayor
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Mike Fanning, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Busch provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the November 10, 2014 Council Meeting, as written. Council member Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 Council Meeting, as written. The motion was seconded by Council member Mike Fanning, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Mayor Busch recognized Ms. Laura Washington, Executive for the Orangeburg Area Boys & Girls Club. Ms. Laura shared with the Mayor and Council that the Boys & Girls Club of Ellore is now located at the Ellore Elementary School and they are serving over 50 students through their program. One of Ms. Laura concerns was with the phone calls that she keeps receiving from people that want to rent the gym that they use in Ellore located at Joe Miller Park. She explain how this could be revenue to the town. However, Ms. Laura was also concern about how much renovation the gym would need in order to make it a better place for the Boys & Girl Club and for others that might want to use/rent the gym. Mayor Busch explain that the gym was in need of a major renovation and even after the renovation was complete the renting of the gym was not possible because of the liability it would be on the town. Ms. Laura also spoke about Ms. Kimberley a young lady from Ellore, that became involved with the Boys & Girls Club as a child. Ms Kimberley with the help of the Boys & Girls Club was able to go through OC TEC and peruse her nursing degree. Ms. Laura is hoping with the help of others that there can be other success stories like Ms. Kimberley.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 83 work orders in November and 648 water customers billed. Water loss was at 12% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The next Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on December 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Assistant Police Chief Lin Shirer presented the Police Report for October and November 2014. During the month the police department responded to (34) request for services and arrested (12) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

A. Incidents that were solved are closed by arrest are as follows;

- (3) arrests for Shoplifting,
- (2) arrests for Open Container,
- (3) arrests for operating business within the town without a business license,
- (3) arrests for persons who were wanted by other jurisdictions in S.C. and,
- (1) arrest for a wanted subject who was wanted from the state of Ohio for Distribution of Heroin and Resisting Arrest. Subject waived extradition and was transferred to authorities from Ohio State Police.

B. Incidents or Events and Training included the following

- Responded to (7) false alarm calls,
- (1) attempted suicide,
- (2) welfare checks request at the same residence on Barkley Street,
- (1) civil complaint of mishandling of finances that was not of a criminal matter,
- (4) routine request for assistance by South State Bank,
- (2) non-reportable domestic arguments (Not CDV),
- (5) request for assistance by others agencies,
- (1) highway safety check point was conducted in Ellore in conjunction with the SCHP and,
- Chief Avinger attend the three day S.C. Police Chief's Leadership Conference in Myrtle Beach and Assistant Chief Shirer attended the 1st Circuit Law Enforcement Network Meeting in St. Matthews.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department issued (41) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offences not related to traffic.

Assistant Lin Shirer requested from the Mayor and Council to purchase winter attire for the police department. He ask for 7 Propper Ice long sleeve Polo shirts, 3 Tru Spec long sleeve button up Class B uniform shirts and 3 winter jackets all weather (estimated cost \$819.87). Each item would also need department patches (badge, name and police) embroidered on them (estimated cost \$1.00 per patch). The department also requested to purchase ammo for pistol qualification. Assistant Shirer estimated 300 rounds for target and 100 rounds for duty.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Ms. Robin Newton presented the monthly clerk/treasurer report. The Police Fines Report for the month of November, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$1,487.40
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$838.99
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$256.40
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$392.01 (Placed in Savings)

Mayor and Council Members reviewed the financial report for November 2014 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. Council member Mike Fanning moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Kim Gidron second the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin presented the Mayor and Council with the new Council Meeting Schedule for 2015 along with the new Save the Date schedule for 2015.

The Mayor proclaim Friday, December 5, 2014 as Arbor Day. Elloree was recognized as a Tree City for 2014 and 15. Trees are a renewable resource and increase the property values so we are urging everyone to plant a tree and help promote the well-being of future generations.

Elloree Christmas Lighting Ceremony was held on November 20, 2014. Ms. Robin took this time to recognize Ms. Jennifer Stevenson, the Business Association and all the other workers that helped in the decorating the town for the Christmas Season. Everyone did a great job and everything looks great.

Ms. Robin reminded everyone of the upcoming Small Town Christmas and parade that will be held this Saturday, December 13, 2014. Santa will be at the First Baptist Church from 8:30 am until 10:30 am for breakfast. Then he will be at the

Ellore Heritage Museum from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm for pictures. The parade will be at 6:00 pm.

Town Hall will be closing for the holidays starting Wednesday, December 24 thru Friday, December 26. Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch gave an update on the carpet situation at Town Hall. It was quite a challenge putting carpet down and trying to keep Town Hall up and running, but Stanley Steemer was able to lay the new carpet on Friday, December 5, 2014.

Carson Trucking Company has moved. Over the Thanksgiving Holidays Carson was able to get moved into their new building located on River Road in Ellore. The Mayor thank Carson's for alleviating this situation.

Mayor Busch stated he has talked with a few different landscaping companies and he is awaiting their estimates to compare with the cost of a fulltime employee for Streets and Parks.

IX. New Business

The next regular Town Council meeting is Monday, January 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that the Council go into Executive Session. Council member Harold Void made a motion, Council member Mike Fanning seconded the motion all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

Council member Mike Fanning made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. and Council member Harold Void seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Council member Mike Fanning made a motion to purchase the attire for the police department. Council member Kim Gidron second the motion, all voted to accept.

Councilman Mike Fanning made an announcement for information only that the Town of Ellore would be giving out Christmas Bonuses to the Town Employees. Councilman Mitt Felder second the all voted in favor.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council member Harold Void seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk