

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, February 11, 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 Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 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 public comments.

V. Water Commission Report

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System, along with the minutes of the January water commission meeting. Dantzler introduced Donna Reynolds who has been hired as the new office clerk. Manny Barnes has also been hired to assist with water and sewer operations.

There were 74 work orders in January and 634 water customers billed. Water loss was 10% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The Elloree Water System will be closed on Monday, February 18.

Elloree Water Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

VI. Police Report

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

- **4 Arrests for Shoplifting**
- **2 Arrests for Breaking into Vehicles and Larceny**
- **1 Arrest for Assault and Battery 2nd Degree**
- **3 Arrests for Breaking into Fuel Tanks/Larceny**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **3 Requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **6 Other traffic offenses**
- **12 Uniform Traffic Tickets**

Chasity Avinger also presented the Police Fines Report for the month of January, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$1666.50**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$957.77**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$147.263**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$561.50 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

Avinger noted that the 2011-2012 fiscal year audit is progressing and should be presented to council at the March council meeting.

Avinger noted that Trash to Treasures is scheduled for March 9, the Elloree Trials for March 23, and Pork Fest for April 12 and 13.

Avinger presented a zoning update for the Mayor and council. All five spots are full on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals at this time. The Planning Commission held their annual business meeting in January, and the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold theirs in February. The three new appointees have completed their initial zoning training requirements, and four of the existing members have also completed their continuing training requirement. Avinger noted that there are multiple upcoming training opportunities for the zoning officials and staff. Annual training updates are required by state statute for all zoning officials.

Avinger informed the mayor and council that Orangeburg County's Voter Registration and Election officials have visited the town to prepare for this year's municipal election. Open seats include the seat of Mayor Van Stickles, Councilman Barbara Butler (District 1), Councilman Mike Fanning (District 4), and Water Commissioner Bill Irick. This year's voting will take place at Ellore Elementary-Middle School along with the general elections scheduled for that same day. Avinger noted that there is a vacancy on the Election Commission due to the death of Michelle Felkel. She reminded council to appoint a replacement at the next council meeting.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

Chasity Avinger presented information regarding Legal Lessons: A Series for the Public, a legal education class for the public being sponsored by Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College and the South Carolina Bar Association's Pro Bono Program.

Mayor Stickles informed council that the Town of Ellore has received Tree City USA designation for the 5th year. SCE&G will be trimming trees in town this spring to clear areas around the power lines. Officials from the Town, SCE&G, and the Department of Transportation met to discuss removal of several diseased and dead trees on Highway Six. SCE&G will cut the trees, and DOT will arrange for their removal and for grinding of the stumps. The Forestry Commission will meet with the town to help select appropriate replacement trees.

Streets and Parks worker Jonathan Barnes has left the town to join the United States Navy and has been replaced with a part-time worker.

Councilman Milt Felder made a motion to replace the GREAT town sign on Highway Six near Loyns Park.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5:30pm.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Winningham, Town Clerk