

**Minutes of Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

**Present:** Van A. Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
Michael Fanning, Council Member  
James V. Fogle, Council Member  
Larry McDowell, General Manager, Elloree Water System  
John D. Singh, Town Administrator  
Chasity D. Canaday, Town Clerk  
J. Preston Avinger, Chief of Police

**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 December 2, 2008 meeting as written. Councilman Fanning seconded. All were in favor.

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

There were no special guests.

**V. Water Commission Report**

Elloree Water Commission General Manager Larry McDowell presented the monthly report to the council and the minutes of the Water Commission's December 9, 2008 meeting.

He said the system completed 44 work orders and billed 644 customers during December.

The system billed 362 customers on behalf of the town for household trash services. The estimated water loss was 14%, down from 17% in November.

There were no violations for the water or wastewater facilities from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. He also presented a copy of the federal inspection of the wastewater facility, which received a satisfactory rating.

General Manager McDowell also reported that the Ellore Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System.

## **VI. Police Report**

Investigator Lin Shirer delivered the monthly report for the Ellore Police Department, reporting the following information for action taken:

- 17 Calls for service**
- 2 Calls for Assistance from the Santee Police Department**
- 1 Call for a person with a gun**
- 2 Funeral escorts**
- 7 Written warnings**
- 16 Uniform traffic tickets**
- 4 Careless Driving/Speeding tickets**
- 1 Illegal Parking Ticket (Handicap Spaces)**
- 4 Open Container Violations**
- 2 Operating Uninsured Tickets**
- 1 Ticket for Driving under Suspension**
- 1 Ticket for License Plate Violation**
- 3 Arrests of persons for simple possession of marijuana**
- 2 Arrests of wanted person(s)**
- 2 Arrests for unlawful carrying of a pistol**
- 1 Arrest for possession of a stolen firearm**
- 1 Arrest for possession of cocaine**
- 1 Arrest of a 14 year old juvenile for Possession of Tobacco Products and Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- 1 Report of a stolen credit card (suspect has been identified and charges are pending)**

Chief Preston Avinger and Officer Shawn Murphree attended the Drugs of Abuse Conference in Myrtle Beach in December. Officer Murphree and Officer Shirer also renewed their radar certification through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

## **VII. Administrator Report**

Administrator John Singh delivered the Administrator's report, noting that the town's new accounting software has been installed through Nicholson Business Systems. The police department and the court are currently using the new Lawtracks software.

A Commerce Forum will be held on January 6, 2009 at 5:30pm to discuss the festival and next year's schedule of event, following the Town Council meeting.

He presented copies of the 2009 Schedule of Events which was approved at the Commerce Forum, along with holiday coupon sheets for downtown merchants. He also presented the 2009 Town Council schedule and the preliminary Municipal Court schedule.

Singh presented the renewal for Tree City USA status, noting that it is an annual certification process.

The administrator noted that the town will begin working on updating ordinances this year. This will include updating, repealing, and making the ordinances electronic.

## **VIII. Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **IX. New Business**

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve an amendment to the town's budget for the fourth quarter 2008 police fines, revenue, and expenditures. Councilman Butler seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mayor Stickles asked that the council allow the Police Department to spend money purchasing concrete pigs for Pork Fest. Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the expenditure and Councilman Butler seconded. All were in favor.

A meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation will be held at 6:00pm on January 8, 2008 at the Town Hall. It is open to the public.

The special election for Council District #2 to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Councilman Barry Pauling will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. The polls will be open at the Town Hall from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Sarah Ann Parler and Harold Void both filed and will appear on the ballot for that election. Absentee ballots may be obtained through the Orangeburg County Office of Voter Registration and Elections.

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

There was no executive session.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Fanninge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Fogle seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 5:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chasity Sanders Canaday, Town Clerk/Treasurer