

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, January 14, 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 Pro Tem Mike Fanning called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Michael Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

There were no special guests or public comments.

V. Water Commission Report

Councilman Michael Fanning presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System, along with the minutes of the December water commission meeting.

There were 33 work orders in December and 642 water customers billed. Water loss was 12% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Fire hydrant testing was held December 17-21. The Ellore Water System will be closed on Monday, January 21.

Elloree Water Commission held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6:00pm.

VI. Police Report

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

- **1 Arrest for Outstanding Bench Warrants**
- **1 Arrest for Assault 3rd Degree**
- **2 Arrests for an Automobile Break-In that include charges for Financial Transaction Card Fraud**
- **2 Arrests for Possession of Alcohol and Tobacco by a Minor**
- **3 Arrests for Operating a Business without a license**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **5 false alarm calls**
- **1 Request by the Elloree Police Department for EMS transportation of an elderly subject for a medical health and safety evaluation at TRMC**
- **2 Requests for assistance from the SC Highway Patrol for safety check points during the New Year's holiday**
- **18 Uniform Traffic Tickets**

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

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2449.25**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1600.53**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$126.46**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$722.26 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Chasity Avinger referred Council members to the December 2012 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 presented the 2013 tentative event schedule, noting that the Ellore Business Association's October 12 Arts and Antiques Festival will be added.

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 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 noted that there is a vacancy on the Election Commission due to the death of Michelle Felkel. She reminded council that there will be a municipal election held this year and asked them to appoint a replacement at the next council meeting.

VIII. Old Business

Council reviewed a proposed business license rate schedule for the 2013-14 business licensing year, which will run from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Council held a public meeting on Monday, January 14 at 5:00pm to discuss rates and get public input.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to increase the base rate fees in each class by 30%, with no increase to the per \$1000 rates. This increase excludes railroads, insurance companies, and peddlers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler and all were in favor. The increase will go into effect for the 2013-14 licensing renewal period.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

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

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Winningham, Town Clerk