

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, January 12, 2015

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

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Council Member Mike Finning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the December 8, 2014 Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Council Meeting, as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mitt Felder, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Mayor Busch recognized Ms. Linda Childers from the Business Association of Ellore. Ms. Linda thanked everyone that participated in Ellore's 4th Annual Christmas parade held on December 13, 2014. The parade was a big success this year. There was about 50 participants in the parade however, there is always room for more and Ms. Linda encouraged everyone to join in the fun next year. There were several categories and each received trophies: (1) Best float went to the Pythian Sister #4. (2) The Religious category went to the Trinity Lutheran Church. (3) Band category, The Lake Marion Marching Gators. (4) The Corp. category went to the Lake Marion Jr. ROCT. (5) Emergency Vehicle category went to the Providence Fire Department. (6) Golf Cart category went to Food Lion. (7) Commercial category (large) went to the Food Lion, and the commercial category (small) went to Spires Heating & Air. (8) Horse category (large) went to Al Pager and the horse category (small) went to Jennifer Stevenson. (9) There was a trophy given to the Clemson Tractor. (10) Best overall went to the Ellore Garden Club. The trophies were given by A & E Pest Control. Ms. Linda also spoke about trying to work together with other small towns in this area and help get the word out about the different events going on at Christmas. If we start a little earlier and get the Civic Groups involved to help promote the event it would be a big help. Ms.

Linda also asked the Civic Groups in our area to consider handling the refreshments that are given to the parade participants at Joe Miller Park.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 34 work orders in December and 648 water customers billed. Water loss was at 6% 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 January 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Assistant Police Chief Lin Shirer presented the Police Report for December 2014. During the month the police department responded to (26) request for services and arrested (6) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) arrest for Shoplifting,
- (1) arrest for Open Container,
- (1) arrest for Loitering,
- (2) arrests for persons who were wanted by other jurisdictions in S.C. and,
- (1) arrest for a wanted subject who was wanted from Orangeburg County who attempted to hide in a wooded area off of Snider Street in Ellore.

B. Incidents or Events and Training included the following

- Responded to (5) alarm calls and (1) fire call involving a death,
- (1) report for Threatening a Police Official at his residence over loud bass (sound) emitting from the Back Street Bar and Grill,
- (1) report for a loud disturbance in the parking lot of the Back Street Bar and Grill.(Same complainant as above on a different date.),
- (1) report for loud animal barking and feces smell emitting from a residence on Hampton Street. (Same complainant as above on a different date.),
- (1) report of an individual passing counterfeit currency at a business,
- (2) welfare checks request at a residence on Barkley Street (Same location as last month.),
- (4) routine request for assistance by South State Bank,
- (1)Trespassing complaint,

- (3) request for assistance by other agencies,
- (2) reports for vehicle accidents that occurred on private property,
- (1) tractor trailer v. car accident on Hwy. 6, SCHP assisted the town with the report,
- (1) highway safety check point was conducted in Ellore in conjunction with the SCHP.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department issued (10) 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 allow the Police Department to attend a one day DUI training class in February and a two day Radar training class in April at the Police Academy. Mr. Lin also informed the Mayor and Council that two of the police cars are in need of some maintenance. One car needs tires and the other needs new struts and rotors.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$3,370.26
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1,688.81
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$356.44
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1,325.01 (Placed in Savings)

Mayor and Council Members reviewed the financial report for December 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 informed the Mayor and Council that Ms. Linda Shipley has resigned from the Clerk of Court position she held with the town. However, the town has been able to replace her with Ms. Brittany Dantzler.

Ms. Robin presented the Mayor and Council with the Municipal Court schedule and Holiday schedule for 2015. She also informed them that the Council Meeting schedule that was handed out at the last council meeting has an error. Therefore, there will be a new schedule ready to hand out at the next Town Council Meeting.

Ms. Robin pointed out some of the projects that the town has been working on in the past month. The front of Town Hall was painted by D & D Contracting and we want to thank them for the outstanding job they did. We also are working on the

flood lights up and down Cleveland Street. Mr. Robert Bochette had most of them working and will be continuing to work on the lights until all are working properly. The town would like to thank him for his dedication.

Ms. Robin on behalf of all the town employees and herself thanked the Mayor and Council for the Christmas bonus that was given to the employees this past year. I'm sure it was a help to all and was greatly appreciated.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch gave an update on the railroad crossing at Railroad Ave. and Hampton Street. This crossing has been closed ever since the railroad work was done last year. The Mayor has enquired with CSX regarding as to why this crossing still remains closed. CSX has forwarded the Mayors concerns to appropriate department and a CSX representative is currently investigating this issue. They apologize that they do not have any additional information to provide however, they will contact the Mayor as soon as the investigation is complete.

IX. New Business

The next regular Town Council Meeting is Monday, February 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that the Council go into Executive Session. To discuss the following.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Chris Finch has been hired in the Streets & Parks department as a part time employee. The town is still looking at the landscaping proposals to see how they might work into the equation.

The Mayor spoke about the trees in town and the reality that some of the Red maples are dying. We needed to get a Arborist to look at the trees and see if some of them can be saved and just how many may need to be replaced.

The county has contacted the Mayor concerning the drainage of the Retention Pond in town. The Mayor stated that the pond is not working properly. Therefore, the town has to have someone come in with a backhoe to see just why the pond is not draining. The roots from the trees around the pond could be the cause of the drainage problem.

The Mayor stated that DPU (Department of Public Utilities) might be considering running Natural Gas in Elloree. This is a topic that had been discuss some in the past however, the Mayor feels that before this takes place that DPU should

conduct a survey of the residences of Ellore to see if Natural Gas something they would want in Ellore.

The Mayor informed Council that it is time for the State Ethics Commission report. The information needed to file the report is in their binders.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to go into Executive Session, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m..

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. and Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to have the Police Department to submit an estimate for the repairs on the polices cars so the cost of the repairs can be done within the budget.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Mitt Felder seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk