

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, July 13, 2015

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

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Council Member Harold Void provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the June 8, 2015 Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Milt Felder, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

There were no special guests for this council meeting.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System. There were 86 work orders in June and 641 water customers billed. Water loss was at 20% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The Elloree Water Commission will hold its next meeting on July 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Chief Preston Avinger presented the Police Report for June 2015. During the month the police department responded to (27) calls for request for service and arrested (8) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) Arrest for trespassing after warning,
- (3) arrest for driving Under suspension,
- (1) arrest for driving under the influence,
- (1) arrest for simple possession of marijuana,
- (1) arrest for driving with open container, and
- (1) arrest for operating a business without a town business license.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Domestic call,
- (2) calls to deal with an emotionally disturbed adult,
- (1) call for an elderly person who could not take care of themselves...EPC,
- (1) automobile break-in,
- (4) false alarm calls... (3) commercial and (1) residential,
- (2) request for assistance by Santee Police Dept.,
- (2) request for assistance by the SCHP, and
- (4) traffic safety check points were conducted in conjunction with the SCHP.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (32) traffic stops and issued (18) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offences not related to traffic.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$1389.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$742.24
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$283.57
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$363.19 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for June 2015 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 Harold Void seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin stated that she has been working with Mr. Tripp with Murdaugh & Associates, CPA LLC and they have just a few more items to work through and then they should have the audit ready.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch informed Council that the town is still in need of a maintenance person for Streets & Parks. Chris Finch and Matthew Newton are doing a great job however, Matthew will be returning to school soon and Chris will be in need of a new co-worker. The deadline to turn in applications for this position is July 15, 2015.

IX. New Business

The Second Reading of the 2015/2016 Budget was held in Title Only. Mayor Busch stated that the Projected Revenue for 2015/2016 is \$604,489. The Projected Expenditures for 2015/2016 are \$604,489. There will be a Public Hearing on the Budget coming up in the next few weeks.

Mayor Busch spoke about the upcoming MASC Annual Meeting held July 16-19, 2015 in Hilton Head Island, SC. Mayor Busch, Council Member Harold Void and Council Member Kim Gidron will be attending the meeting this year. There are several events they will be attending during the meeting as well as celebrating the past and embracing the future.

Mayor Busch spoke with Council concerning the Town Ordinance, Collection of Yard Trash and Leaves: NO: 12-06-04-01. Mayor Busch asked Council to look over the section of the ordinance that states "All Grass clippings and Leaves must be bagged during the months of October thru January". In this area grass clippings and leaves are things that have to be cleaned up year round and it would be more efficient for the town to have the grass clipping and leaves bagged year round. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to accept the First Reading to amend the Town Ordinance, Collection of Yard Trash and Leaves: NO: 12-06-04-01 to state "All Grass clippings and Leaves must be bagged". Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were in favor. There will be a Public Hearing concerning this matter announced at a later date.

Mayor Busch spoke about the new flower pots located at the four corners of the red light in town. These beautiful flower pots are a donation to the town from Dr. Ray Oliver and the gorgeous flowers are donated by Helmlly Brothers Ace Hardware. We would like to thank both parties for the generous donation. These beautiful arrangements has brought a refreshing new look to our town.

Mayor Busch reminded everyone about the upcoming Fall Trash to Treasurer. The event will be held on August 15, 2015. There is more information on our website or you can obtain information from the clerk at Town Hall.

The next Town 'Council Meeting will be August 10, 2015 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters. Council Member Harold Void made a motion, Council Member Mike Fanning seconded the motion, all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m..

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. and Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to proceed to hire the applicant on file for a position available in the Ellore Police Department. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were 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 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk