

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Tuesday, July 8, 2008**

**Present:** Van A. Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
James Fogle, Council Member  
Chasity Sanders Canaday, Clerk/Treasurer  
Larry McDowell, General Manager, Ellore Water System  
John D. Singh, Town Administrator

### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Opening Prayer**

Councilman Barbara Butler provided the invocation. Mayor Van Stickles asked for a moment of silence for Councilman Barry Pauling, who passed away in June. He praised Councilman Pauling as a good man who loved the Town of Ellore.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting as written. Councilman Jimmy Fogle seconded. All were in favor.

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

Ms. Valentine of 550 Barkley Street was on the agenda to speak and was absent.

Mayor Stickles recognized Daisy Pauling, who thanked the Town and the Police Department for their assistance with her Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, July 5, 2008.

### **V. Water Commission Report**

Ellore Water Commission General Manager Larry McDowell presented the monthly report and minutes of the June 10, 2008 water commission meeting to the council.

He said the system completed 41 work orders and billed 643 customers during March.

The system billed 349 customers on behalf of the town for household trash services. The estimated water loss was 18%, up from 16% in May.

There were no violations for the water or wastewater facilities from the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

General Manager McDowell also reported that the Ellore Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System.

McDowell also reported that the Water System will be having the Food Lion water tank cleaned, which will alleviate recent water discoloration issues.

## **VI. Police Report**

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

- 19 Calls for Service**
- 37 Uniform traffic tickets**
- 5 Written Warnings**
- 15 Careless Driving Tickets**
- 5 Illegal Parking Tickets (Handicap Spaces)**
- 3 Open Container Violations**
- 3 Loitering Tickets**
- 2 Tickets for Driving Under Suspension**
- 3 Tickets for Driving without a SC Drivers License**
- 3 Arrests for Wanted Persons**
- 12 Alarms (All False)**
- Assisted EMS 2 Times**
- Assisted Stranded Motorists 2 Times**
- 1 Call at the IGA regarding a Flim Flam**
- 1 Call at the Dollar General regarding phone threats**
- 1 Call at the Shell Station for Shoplifting/Harassment**

Shirer also added that the Police Department received new equipment through a grant from the First Judicial Circuit Alcohol Enforcement Team. Equipment included three sets of vehicle stop sticks, 3 sets of LED road flares for patrol cars, a digital camera, a video recorder, and new holsters.

Councilman Barbara Butler thanked Investigator Lin Shirer and the Police Department for their recent assistance on an EMS call for her brother. She credited their response as an example of the type of law enforcement the Town is lucky to have.

## **VII. Administrator Report**

Administrator John Singh delivered the Administrator's report, noting that the Town is still working to get the Farmers Market operational. There is no fee to participate, and tents are provided by the Town.

Singh commented on recent storm flooding, adding that storm drains are cleaned frequently to prevent flooding.

He also reminded citizens that lightning strikes frequently take out street lights and asked citizens to report any outages.

## **VIII. Old Business**

Administrator John Singh presented the Town of Ellore Budget, with projected Income and Expenses of \$450,296.00.

The Town will implement a 2 mill increase for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Councilman Jimmy Fogle made a motion to approve the third and final reading of the budget, as presented. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A public hearing was held on June 26, 2008 at 5:30pm to discuss the budget.

Councilman Jimmy Fogle made a motion to approve the third and final reading of a borrowing ordinance from South Carolina Bank & Trust of \$70,00.00. Mayor Van Stickles seconded the motion. Councilman Barbara Butler abstained. The motion was approved.

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance implementing a \$1.00 increase for monthly household trash services due to fuel increases. Councilman Jimmy Fogle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **IX. New Business**

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to accept the first reading of an ordinance to enter a franchise agreement with Tri-County Electric Cooperative, by title only. Councilman Jimmy Fogle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Administrator Singh noted that the Town will hold a special election to fill the unexpired portion of Councilman Barry Pauling's District 2 council seat. The election should be held on the same day of the general election in November.

Mayor Stickles reminded citizens that yard trash will only be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays. Fuel costs were a major consideration in the change, which will also allow the Streets and Parks Department to have more time to work on the parks and rights of way in town.

He noted that the Town's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Joe Miller Park was a success. He thanked the Museum for the work that they put into planning the event and Shirley Brandenburg for organizing the patriotic program and concert. He also thanked all of the town's civic groups for participating to decorate, serve the food, and shoot the fireworks for the event.

The Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation will meet on Thursday, July 10, at 6:00pm at the Ellore Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Mayor Stickles thanked the people who came out on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Joe Miller Park for the town's Service Day to assemble the new toddler playground. The Police Department, the Fire Department, the Evergreen Garden Club, the Water System, and citizens worked together with the Mayor and town employees.

Individuals also worked at the park on Saturday, July 21, to clean up the gazebo and the front of the park and to install the new flagpole.

Mayor Stickles held a Mayors Breakfast on Thursday, June 26 at the Town Hall. Mayors from Santee, Bowman, Vance, Cameron, and Holly Hill were present.

On August 5, 2008, immediately following the regular scheduled council meeting, the Town and the Police Department will hold a Law Enforcement Forum. All citizens with an interest in law enforcement are invited to attend, and the police department will be present.

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

There was no executive session.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Jimmy Fogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickle adjourned the meeting at 6:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chasity Sanders Canaday, Town Clerk/Treasurer