

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, July 11, 2011

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael G. Fanning, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Chasity Sanders Avinger, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

Mayor Stickles thanked Councilman Fanning for recognizing the town employees during the prayer. The Mayor applauded the hard work of Streets and Parks workers Willie Kinley and Tanner High in the extra effort that they are putting forth during the summer months, particularly with the work they are doing on Highway Six.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 council meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harold Void. All were in favor.

IV. Water Commission Report

Systems Manager Cole Dantzler delivered the council report for the Water System and provided the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of June.

The Water System completed 74 work orders and billed 650 water customers during the month of June. They also billed 330 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 16 %, up from 10 % in May.

All water and wastewaters facilities are in compliance with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.

She noted that the Water System has been in contact with the South Carolina Department of Transportation regarding holes on Highway Six caused by repairs to leaking water lines. She noted that leaks must be monitored before the asphalt is repaired to ensure that another leak doesn't occur.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System building.

V. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

Mayor Stickles read a proclamation declaring the week of July 17-23 as National Independent Retailers Week, which recognizes the efforts of local merchants. He recognized Edwina Friedman, Secretary of the Ellore Business Association and owner of The Antique Box. He also recognized Jack Lane, one of the owner/inkeepers of the Ellore Bed and Breakfast.

Mayor Stickles read a proclamation declaring the month of July as Recreation and Parks Month, which recognizes the importance of community facilities and volunteers for recreation and parks services. He again recognized Jack Lane, who currently serves as the Chairman of the town's Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation.

Resident Claudette Pauling was on the agenda to address the Mayor and Town Council. She was not present.

VI. Police Report

A report for June was presented at the meeting by Officer Shawn Murphree, with the following information for action taken:

- **1 Arrest for Petit Larceny**
- **6 Arrests for Open Container Violations**
- **1 Arrest for Driving under the Influence**
- **2 Arrests for Drivers License Violations**
- **2 Arrests for Financial Transaction Card Theft**
- **2 Arrests for Fugitives wanted by another agency**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **3 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **8 requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **26 Uniform Traffic Tickets**

Clerk Chasity Avinger presented the Police Fines Report for the month of June, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2720.88**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1561.27**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$144.93**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$1014.68**

*Retained amount to be placed in Savings.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Clerk presented the June 2011 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. She noted that Town Hall staff reviewed the year's financial records thoroughly before closing the fiscal year on June 30th.

The Clerk noted that the Independence Day celebration was held at Joe Miller Park. Music was provided by the Sugarloaf Mountain Boys, and fireworks were provided by the Ellore Police Department, with assistance from Smith's Exxon of Santee and the Ellore Volunteer Fire Department. The Clerk thanked the town employees for the extra hours that they worked on the holiday to pull the event together, particularly Margo Banks, Caitlin Felkel, Tanner High, and Willie Kinley.

The Clerk stated that the Town will join the Ellore Heritage Museum to host the Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Thursday, July 21. The Chamber's Board of Directors will meet at the Museum at 5:00pm, and the Business After Hours reception will be hosted from 6:00pm-7:30pm. She noted that several of the downtown businesses plan to remain open beyond their regular hours that evening to accommodate Chamber visitors between 5:00pm and 6:00pm.

Clerk Avinger also invited everyone to attend the final program for the Museum's Children's Camp. The camp will be held on July 20-22, with the final program at 7:00pm on Friday, July 22. The program will be held on Cleveland Street and will include a historic tour of the downtown district, with the tour being led by children from the camp.

The Mayor and Clerk briefly discussed several upcoming meetings that they have scheduled with Orangeburg County, SCANA, and the SC Department of Transportation, as well as numerous other meetings they are working to arrange.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2011.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Void and the meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity Sanders Avinger, Town Clerk/Treasurer