

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, July 9, 2012**

**Present:** Van Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
Milt Felder, Council Member  
Harold Void, Council Member  
Danielle Sanders-Winningham, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Opening Prayer**

Councilman Harold Void provided the invocation.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2012 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the special council meeting on June 28, 2012 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

**IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments**

Resident Claudette Pauling addressed the mayor and council regarding a CBS special that the mayor of New York offered to help small towns dealing with economic issues. After reviewing this information, Mayor Stickles found information that noted this help applied to towns with at least 30,000 citizens. Resident Pauling said she would like the county to try and apply for this, since the town is too small to apply for such funds.

## **V. Water Commission Report**

Water System 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 87 work orders and billed 652 water customers during the month of June. They also billed 317 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 18%, up from 8% in May.

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

The final billing for garbage service appeared on the July bills.

Dantzler also noted that the Water Department received an Encroachment Permit from DOT to replace service Lines on Hwy 6. They will be replacing all spots on Highway 6 instead of patching them.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System building.

## **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 Loitering**
- **2 Arrests for Open Container**
- **1 Arrest for Disorderly Conduct**
- **1 Arrest for Breach of Trust**
- **4 Arrests for Simple Possession of Marijuana**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

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

Mayor Stickles presented the Police Fines Report for the month of June, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected:** \$3127.26
- **Remitted to State Treasurer:** \$1623.28
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund:** \$196.58
- **Revenue Retained by Town:** \*\$1307.40 (Placed in Savings)

## **VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

Danielle Wunningham referred Council members to the June 2012 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Wunningham updated the mayor and council regarding garbage services. The Town's contract for garbage collection with Suburban Disposal ended on June 30, 2012. Final billing to residents appeared on the July 2012 water bills. Residents are now free to contract directly with Suburban Disposal or another private company or may choose to transport their own household trash to the local convenience site, located on Midway Road.

Wunningham noted that a new business license ordinance will be presented during the August meeting. Also, a zoning update will be given in August.

Wunningham reported on the Revenue and Expense Report from Pork Fest 2012. After all expenses, the total remaining for Special Projects or future events is \$1,318.98. Also, the Fourth of July netted a profit of \$495.00. Wunningham stated that as long as no reimbursements are sought, this will be the final profit amount. Wunningham recommended using the \$495.00 for the purchase of banners to use in following years for the 4<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, Mayor and Council decided to use the money for fireworks expense next year. Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to apply the monies to fireworks expenses next year. Councilman Harold Void seconded and all were in favor.

Wunningham invited council to attend the Tri- County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, July 19, 2012 from 6:00-7:30pm. The event will be held at J's Tea-rrific Teapot Museum.

Also, there will be a Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation Third Quarter Meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 5:30pm at Town Hall. This meeting will be open to the public.

**VIII. Old Business**

A letter from the South Carolina Budget and Control Board was received on June 30<sup>th</sup>, dated June 28<sup>th</sup>, noting the town of Elloree is allowed to implement a 3.16% increase, which will be 2 mill increase. Council voted during the May meeting to accept any millage increase as allowed by state statute.

**IX. New Business**

Clerk Winningham presented Mayor and Council with a Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of \$70,000.00 for 2012-13 Fiscal Year General Operations: No. 07-09-12-1R. Councilman Barbara Butler abstained. Councilman Void made a motion to approve the Resolution and was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor.

The next item on the agenda was to amend the budget to include the millage increase. There will be a public hearing on August 13, 2012, at 5:00pm. The second reading will be at the August meeting.

Mayor Stickles welcomed SCANA representative, Tammy Coghill, and thanked her for attending and for all of her help with the town.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, August 13, 2012.

Council motioned to move into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

After coming out of executive session, Councilman Butler made a motion to accept recommendations for pay increases to the Town Hall employees and Streets and Parks workers as written. Void seconded and all were in favor. Council also made a motion to give the police officers a 5% increase based on their current salary and all were in favor.

These raises will be funded by the millage increase approved by council. This brings the total 2012-13 budget to \$566,000.00.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Felder. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Winningham, Town Clerk