

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, July 8, 2013

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael Fanning, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Harold Void provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 council meeting as written. Councilman Butler seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

There were no special guests or public comments.

V. 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 82 work orders and billed 645 water customers during the month of June. Estimated water loss was 15%.

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

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 to discuss the proposed rate increase of 8%, which will go into effect for July and be reflected on August billing. Mayor Stickles questioned whether or not the citizens have been informed of this

increase. Dantzler noted that she was going to send a notice of the increase out after the public hearing to inform the residents. They are waiting on a price from Regional Water Authority. Mayor Stickles noted that the town needs to be made aware of this and that the town should have input on the decision.

The Ellore Water Commission will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 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 forgery that was committed at the Corner Store,**
- **(1) arrest for larceny of flowers and plants that were committed at multiple locations,**
- **(2) arrests for underage drinking,**
- **(1) arrest for public disorderly conduct**
- **(2) arrests for loitering at Joe Miller Park,**
- **(1) arrest for Grand Larceny that was committed at the Ellore Furniture Store in 2009.**
- **(1) arrest for Burglary 3rd and Larceny committed at the Ellore Gin Company,**
- **(3) arrests for Simple Possession of Marijuana, and**
- **(5) arrests for Operating a Business in town without a Business License**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **(3) calls to assist SCB&T and**
- **(2) requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **(2) False alarm calls**
- **(45) Uniform Traffic Tickets were issued.**
- **(1) Special Assistance incident. The Ellore Police Department conducted a Traffic Safety Check Point in conjunction with the SC Highway Patrol.**

He also presented the Police Fines Report for the month of June, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$5268.50**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2372.74**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$296.10**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$2599.66**

Councilman Void asked the ages of the individuals charged with loitering in the park and thanked the police department for their service. He asked that they continue to look over the park after dark. Murphree noted they ride over to the park during the day more because of the Boys and Girls Club. Councilman Butler suggested getting a sign to put in the park with the hours of operation.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Mayor and Council reviewed the June 2013 financial reports, which showed that the Town operated within its budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year. He added that Town Auditor Chip Summers will present the 2011-12 fiscal year audit during the August council meeting.

Mayor Stickles noted that the Town's annual 4th of July picnic and program were very successful. He thanked everyone who assisted and added that the fireworks were the best ever. Council agreed and applauded, noting it was a great event. Mayor Stickles noted that the crowd always starts smaller, but always grows. The event brought in more funds than last year. Mayor Stickles noted that events like this one are the best example of how the town can come together and pull off a great event. Stickles thanked everyone involved, including Ms. Daisy Pauling who cleans the restrooms in the park. Butler added it was great and Felder added how surprised he was by the crowd. Void noted the speaker, Coach Willie Jeffries, and how well he does speaking. Fanning noted how great the help is from extended families of Mayor Stickles and Clerk Danielle Sanders. Andy Friedman noted that the Silent Auction held by the Elloree Business Association was very successful.

The mayor also reminded everyone that the Town's bi-annual Trash to Treasures event is scheduled for September 7, beginning at 8:00am. Event information has been posted on the Town's website and applications mailed to all former participants. Mayor Stickles also noted the mix up with the date for Trash to Treasures.

Andy Friedman announced that the Business Association will be hosting Fall Fest this year on October 12, 2013. The event will include crafts, artists, and vendors. They are in the process of developing the final budget for advertising. Prices for spaces will be \$15.00 for vendors and \$20.00 for food vendors because of the electricity set up.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. **New Business**

There was no new business.

Mayor Stickles noted the filing period for the election begins on Friday, July 12th. This includes the mayor seat, two council chairs, and also a seat for water commission.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2013.

X. **Executive Session*****

There was no executive session.

XI. **Adjournment**

Councilman Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. She was seconded by Councilman Felder, and the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Stickles at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sanders Winningham
Town Clerk