

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

Present: Van A. Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael Fanning, Council Member
James V. Fogle, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Larry McDowell, General Manager, Elloree Water System
John D. Singh, Town Administrator
Chasity D. Canaday, Town Clerk/Treasurer

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Harold Void delivered the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting as written. Councilman Harold Void seconded. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

Mayor Van Stickles recognized representatives of the Elloree Garden Club and Evergreen Garden as he proclaimed the week of June 7-13 as National Garden Week in the Town of Elloree. He thanked the garden clubs for the work they do maintaining the town's welcome signs, flowers at both parks, and two Blue Star Memorials.

Mayor Stickles presented both garden clubs with a Proclamation from the Town.

Chairman Jack Lane of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee presented the report from the committee's May 7 meeting. The committee plans to seek additional equipment for the baseball field on Harlin Street.

The committee made plans to replace the roof on the gazebo at Joe Miller Park, and Chairman Lane reported that the project has been completed. He noted that the next project will be to install tree perimeters and a wooden fence along the street at Joe Miller Park.

There will be a clean-up at Joe Miller Park on June 20 beginning at 9:00am. The event is sponsored by the Elloree Police Department, who will provide lunch to all volunteers.

The committee will hold their next meeting on July 2 at 5:30pm at the Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public and suggestions are welcome.

V. Water Commission Report

Elloree Water Commission General Manager presented the monthly report to the council and the minutes of the Water Commission's April 14, 2009 meeting.

He said the system completed 39 work orders and billed 666 customers during April.

The system billed 355 customers on behalf of the town for household trash services. The estimated water loss was 18%, up from 18% in April.

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 Elloree Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System.

VI. Police Report

Chief Preston Avinger delivered the May 2009 report from the Police Department, noting that the Police Department responded to 16 requests for service during the month of April and arrested 9 individuals.

Incidents including arrests are as follows:

- 3 Arrests for subjects who were fugitives from justice
- 1 Arrest for Shoplifting
- 1 Arrest for Grand Larceny
- 3 Arrests for Simple Possession of Marijuana
- 1 Arrest for Trespassing
- 1 Arrest for Public Disorderly Conduct

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents include:

- 4 Requests for assistance by other law enforcement agencies
- 4 Requests by SC Bank & Trust for security during routine maintenance
- 5 False alarm calls
- 1 Loud Noise Complaint

The Police Department also issued 131 Uniform Traffic Tickets, including 69 seatbelt violation tickets during the Click It or Ticket campaign.

VII. Administrator Report

Administrator Singh noted that the Town is participating in several new recycling programs, including one for compact fluorescent bulbs and one for computer/cell phone batteries. Drop boxes for both programs are available at the Town Hall.

The Police Department will host its second annual Service Day at Joe Miller Park. The clean up will start at 9:00am and the Police Department will serve lunch to all volunteers.

Administrator Singh also noted that the Town will hold its Independence Day celebration at Joe Miller Park on Saturday, July 4. The event will begin with a picnic at 6:00pm, followed by a program at 7:30pm and ending with fireworks provided by the Ellore Police Department.

The Town will host the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 5:30pm at the Museum. All businesses and individuals are invited to attend.

VIII. Old Business

Administrator Singh recognized Clarence Wright and James Burn of South Carolina Electric and Gas. Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #05-05-09-02 which governs the proposed franchise agreement with SCE&G. He was seconded by Councilman Void and all were in favor.

Mayor Stickles suggested Tuesday, June 23 to hold a public hearing to review the franchise agreement at 5:30pm. The hearing will be followed by a public hearing for the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget.

A workshop was held to review the burning ordinance, and council has decided to review several burning ordinances from other government entities.

Councilman Void made a motion to table further action on the burning ordinance, Ordinance #05-05-09-02. Councilman Fogle seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Administrator Singh presented the proposed working budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year with revenue of \$496,325.13 and expenditures of \$508,836.38. He also presented the reports showing actual revenue and expenditures for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for comparison purposes.

Councilman Fanning asked about the inclusion of garbage fees in the income and expense categories of the budget. Council and the administrator agreed to add the totals to the projected budget.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the second reading of the budget. Councilman Fogle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

IX. **New Business**

Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the first reading of the borrowing resolution by title only. Councilman Fogle seconded the motion. Councilman Butler abstained, citing a conflict of interest. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

The borrowing ordinance is an annual process utilized by the Town to control cash flow.

Administrator Singh reported that one of the Police Department's vehicles was totaled in an accident resulting from a traffic chase. The town will receive \$6,600 from its insurance carrier, which will be subrogated to the owner of the other vehicle. The Mayor noted that it is the recommendation of the Mayor, Administrator, and Chief Avinger to purchase a new 2008 Crown Victoria for an approximate total of \$16,100.00, following insurance payments and purchase of equipment.

Councilman Fogle made a motion to approve the purchase of a new vehicle. Councilman Fanning seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Administrator Singh noted that the projected budget will be adjusted to reflect the cost of the new police vehicle.

Council reviewed the request from the police department for a pre-approval of expenditures from second quarter 2009 police fines revenue. Requested expenditures include the purchase of a portable sound system, at a cost not to exceed \$1000.00, and projects to repair entrances to the police department, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the requests. Councilman Void seconded the motion. All were in favor.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Fogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Butler seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 6:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chasity Sanders Canaday, Town Clerk/Treasurer