

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, June 14, 2010

Present: Van A. Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael Fanning, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Chasity D. Canaday, 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.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2010 meeting as written. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

Mayor Stickles recognized members of the Evergreen Garden Club and the Ellore Garden Club. The Mayor presented Garden Club members with a proclamation designating the week of June 6-12 as National Garden Club Week.

He thanked Garden Club members for their work in maintaining Loyns Park, the Town's two Blue Star Memorials, and the flowerpots on downtown Cleveland Street, as well as their work at the Town's Independence Day program and other events. Present on behalf of the Ellore Garden Club was President Pat McLaurin and on behalf of the Evergreen Garden Club was President Martha Beach.

Resident Claudette Pauling read a letter from the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium recognizing the contributions of Ellore residents toward the Rosenwald Schools.

V. Water Commission Report

Elloree Water System General Manager Larry McDowell delivered the council report for the Water System, providing the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of May.

The Water System completed 32 work orders and billed 651 water customers during the month of April. They also billed 352 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 15%, down from the 16% in April.

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

McDowell added that the updates to the water valves have almost been completed, and the project should wrap up within the next month.

Elloree Water Commission held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

VI. Police Report

A report for May was presented at the meeting by Clerk of Court Chasity Canaday, with the following information for action taken:

- **17 Requests for Service**
- **12 Arrests**
- **3 Arrests for Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- **5 Arrests for Open Container**
- **1 Arrest for Loitering**
- **1 Arrest for Driving Under Suspension**
- **1 Arrest of a fugitive wanted from the state of Florida**
- **1 Arrest of a subject with an outstanding bench warrant**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **3 False alarm calls**
- **4 calls to assist SC Bank and Trust**
- **1 Welfare Check**
- **1 Traffic Accident**
- **5 Requests for assistance from other law enforcement agencies**
- **46 Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued**

Clerk Canaday presented the Police Fines Report for the month of May, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected:** \$6,146.76
- **Remitted to State Treasurer:** \$3,413.11
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund:** \$404.97
- **Revenue Retained by Town:** \$2,328.68

Clerk Canaday also presented the Mayor and Council with an expenditure request for police fines revenue generated during this budget year, which will be addressed in New Business.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Clerk presented the May 2010 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Clerk Canaday introduced Barry Collier, who is the Town's newest employee. Collier joined the Streets and Parks Department in May.

The Town held numerous meetings on May 13, including a 1% Sales Tax Public Hearing at 2:00pm, a 2010-11 fiscal year Budget Hearing at 2:30pm, a Special Council Meeting at 3:00pm, and Municipal Court at 6:00pm.

The Clerk also announced that the Elloree Heritage Museum held its first annual Heritage Baseball Program and Tournament on May 22 and 23. The tournament was won by the Livingston Family, with the Helmly Brothers Ace Hardware team coming in second place.

The Clerk offered an update on the Town's 4th of July celebration, which will held on July 4, 2010 at Joe Miller Park. The picnic will begin at 6:00pm, and the program will begin at 7:30pm. Food is being served by community civic organizations, and music will be provided by the Sugarloaf Mountain Boys.

Following the program, the Elloree Police Department will sponsor fireworks.

The Clerk also announced that a planning meeting for Fall Fest will be held immediately following the July 12, 2010 Council meeting.

VIII. Old Business

Clerk Canaday informed the Mayor and council that all out of town garbage cans have been collected and service terminated for those customers. She also added that she met with the Town's attorney and representatives from Suburban Disposal to address billing concerns, and changes should appear on the Town's future billing.

The Mayor and Council again addressed continuing concerns with yard trash and agreed to make changes to the existing ordinance during the July council meeting. They agreed to hold a public hearing before making final changes. The Clerk will send a survey to the Mayor and Council regarding yard trash to help appropriate shape the ordinance after they have each spoken with their respective constituents.

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the third and final reading of the 2010-11 fiscal year budget. The budget is balanced with revenues and expenditures of \$629,747.50. Councilman Harold Void seconded. All were in favor.

A public hearing was held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 2:30pm at the Town Hall for input regarding the proposed budget. Second reading was held on the same day during a special council meeting at 4:00pm. A second public hearing was held on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 5:15pm.

IX. New Business

Clerk Canaday presented the Mayor and Town Council with an expenditure request for police fines collected during the month of May 2010. The Clerk requested that \$2,328.68 collected in May be placed in savings.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the Clerk's request. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Clerk Canaday informed the Mayor and Council that the Town has received notice of a 5.2% increase for garbage disposal service, effective July 1, 2010. Councilman Void made a motion to increase monthly garbage fees to \$9.00 per can and was seconded by Councilman Butler. All were in favor.

Clerk Canaday informed the Mayor and Council that Councilman Jimmy Fogle has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home.

Mayor Stickles informed council members that the town has received the Tree City USA designation again this year and read a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2010.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Fanning seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity D. Canaday, Town Clerk