

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2012**

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael Fanning, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Chasity Sanders Avinger, Acting 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 7, 2012 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

Mayor Van Stickles proclaimed the week of June 3-9, 2012 as National Garden Club Week, recognizing the work of the Ellore Garden Club and the Evergreen Garden Club within the town. He presented a copy of the proclamation to Ellore Garden Club President Sarah Ann Parler. A copy will also be presented to the Evergreen Garden Club at a later date.

Resident Claudette Pauling addressed the mayor and council regarding several concerns including the public use of the gym at Joe Miller Park and other recreational opportunities for young people in the town. She stated that she has expressed interest in starting some type of program for children at the gym and would prefer that the gym not be used solely for the Boys and Girls Club. She also expressed concern about needed improvements at the facility.

Mayor Stickles noted that 1% funds for the cycle beginning in 2013 were earmarked for recreation and for improvements to the Town's buildings, including the gym.

V. Water Commission Report

Water Commission Chairman Jane Singh delivered the council report for the Water System and provided the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of May.

The Water System completed 45 work orders and billed 649 water customers during the month of May. They also billed 318 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 8%, up from 6.5% in April.

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

Notices of the rate increase were included on the May water bills and went into effect in June. The final billing for garbage service will appear on the July bills.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System building.

VI. Police Report

A report for May was presented at the meeting by Danielle Winningham, with the following information for action taken:

- **2 Arrests for Driving Under Suspension**
- **2 Arrests for Open Container**
- **1 Arrest for Disorderly Conduct**
- **1 Arrest for Loud Noise Violation**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

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

Winningham also presented the Police Fines Report for the month of May, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2220.00**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1396.88**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$131.35**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$691.77 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Acting Clerk referred Council members to the May 2012 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. Avinger stated that expenditures for the budget year were around 92%, which was good. Revenues are around 71.41%, which is normal due to franchise fees and other revenue that is usually received around the end of June.

Chasity Avinger updated the mayor and council regarding garbage services. The Town's current contract for garbage collection with Suburban Disposal will end on June 30, 2012. Final billing to residents will appear 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.

Letters were mailed to all residents notifying them of the change. Mid-Carolina Sanitation of Orangeburg included service information with that letter, and Suburban Disposal posted letters on garbage cans regarding their contract. The last day for pickup with Suburban will be June 28th. If a resident signed a contract with Suburban, then their can will remain and pickup will stay on Thursday, as usual. If signing with Mid-Carolina, they will be dropping off new cans for new customers and their normal pickup day will be on Friday.

Clerk Avinger also focused on business license, providing a copy of the Business License Report to Mayor and Council. She noted that some businesses that have not renewed their licenses may be contractors who will renew license only if they work in the area. Avinger commented to residents that if they are having work done by a company, ask to see their business license or call the town hall to check and see if the business has a license. Businesses can receive a fine for each day they work in town without a license.

Avinger also gave a Zoning Update, noting that there is an open position on the Planning Commission and also one seat open on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Avinger noted that they would like to get someone out of the same district for these seats, but noted that it does not have to be if no one can be found within that specific district.

VIII. Old Business

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 05-07-12.001 : 2012-13 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilman Butler seconded the motion and all were in favor.

There will be a special council meeting held for the 3rd and Final Reading of this ordinance. The recommended date is June 28th, but a time will be set at a later date.

IX. **New Business**

Clerk Avinger presented Mayor and Council with a Resolution Repealing Town Ordinance No. 04-04-05-00: (An Ordinance to Regulate Collection of Household and Commercial Trash. This ordinance required residents to have a garbage can. Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the Resolution and was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

Council discussed the Boys and Girls Club use of the gym and of the possibility of other uses for the gym. Resident Claudette Pauling discussed the issue during her public comments. Issues with allowing public use of the gym included supervision, insurance, and background checks for volunteers. The mayor said he would look into the matter.

Councilman Butler made a motion to accept Danielle Winningham as the new Town Clerk. Councilman Felder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to adopt the maximum millage increase as allowed by the state into the 2012-13 budget. He was seconded by Councilman Void and all were in favor.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, July 9, 2012.

X. **Executive Session*****

No executive session.

XI. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity Sanders Avinger, Acting Town Clerk