

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2015**

Present: Stan Busch, Mayor
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stan Busch called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Stan Busch provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the May 12, 2015 Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mike Fanning and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

There were no special guests for this council meeting.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System. There were 80 work orders in May and 635 water customers billed. Water loss was at 20% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The Elloree Water Commission will hold its next meeting on June 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Chief Preston Avinger presented the Police Report for May 2015. During the month the police department responded to (16) calls for request for service and arrested (14) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

A. Incidents that were solved or closed by arrest are as follows;

- (4) Arrest for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for Driving Under the Influence,
- (1) arrest on Erica Lane in conjunction with the DEA,
- (7) arrest for Operating a Vehicle with an Open Container, and
- (1) arrest for Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Assault and Battery High and Aggravated,
- (1) Larceny,
- (2) false alarm calls,
- (3) request for assistance by Santee Police Dept.,
- (2) request for assistance by the SChP,
- conducted three traffic safety check points in Elloree during the Memorial Day weekend. This was done in conjunction with the SChP and Santee Police Department,
- (1) welfare check on Hardware Street where a person had fallen and could not get on her feet. Assistance was provided and individual required no other medical attention, and
- (1) welfare check on Lexington Street where an elderly lady had fallen. Due to her inability to care for herself and the deplorable living conditions in her apartment, Officer Shirer placed her into Emergency Protective Custody. She was transported to TRMC for medical treatment then turned over to DSS.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (26) traffic stops and issued (14) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offences not related to traffic.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Ms. Robin Newton presented the monthly clerk/treasurer report. The Police Fines Report for the month of May, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$1530.88
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$773.86
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$179.65
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$577.37 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for May 2015 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. Council Member Mike Fanning moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Harold Void second the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin stated that she has been working with Heather Rhinehart from Brodie, Summers & Wilkes on the new accounting system QuickBooks. As of this time everything is looking good and the new system is working out great.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch gave an update on the 2013/2014 audit. Mr. Tripp with Murdaugh & Associates, CPA LLC has been in today doing testing for the audit and stated that the audit should be ready for the next Council Meeting in July.

IX. New Business

Mayor Busch recognized Mr. David Daniels as the newest member of the Zoning Appeals Committee. Mr. Daniels was invited to step forward and was sworn in on the Appeals Committee.

Mayor Busch announced that Ms. Jennifer Stevenson has resigned from the Streets and Park department as of June 5, 2015. Ms. Stevenson's did a great job for the town, she will be missed and we wish her the best of luck on her new job.

Mayor Busch informed council that the Town of Ellore has received \$3000.00 from the Joseph J. Miller Foundation for improvement to Joe Miller Park located in the town of Ellore. The town used \$115.00 of these funds to fix the ceiling fans under the shelter and the Mayor would like to see the remainder of these funds go towards new park benches and a water fountain to beautify the park. The cost for the fountain is \$2342.00 leaving \$543.00 for the benches. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town of Ellore to spend the funds from the Joseph J. Miller Foundation on the fountain and benches. Council Member Milt Felder second the motion, all were in favor.

Mayor Busch spoke about the Ellore Business Ass. and the many different events they help the town with each year. Mayor Busch wanted to know if council would consider donating some funds to help the EBA with expenses. Council decline the request however, stated there are other funds that can be looked at that would help the EBA with their expenses.

Mayor Busch reminded everyone about the upcoming Fourth of July Festival held at Joe Miller Park. We are working on the program for the festival and there will be more information place on the website as it come available.

The next Town 'Council Meeting will be July 13, 2015 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual matters to evaluate a service that might be coming to Elloree. Council Member Harold Void made a motion, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m..

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. and Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

There was no action taken as of this time.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk