

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, June 9, 2014

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

Connie Martin, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Void and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

Mayor Busch read a Proclamation recognizing the National Garden Club Week that occurred this year, June 1st through 7th, 2014. Mayor Busch thanked the Ellore Garden Clubs for maintaining two Blue Star Memorials, for promoting beautification projects locally and helping to educate our children through Camp Wildwood. Also, Mayor Busch thanked the local garden club for providing the beautiful flower for the Town Hall during this week.

Mayor Busch recognized Linda Childers of Ellore who gave a report for the Pork Fest Committee. Ms. Childers gave special thanks to the Ellore Business Association, the Pythian Sisters of Ellore Temple No. 4, The Ellore Heritage Museum, and the many merchants in town who participated to make this a great event by painting the adorable pigs which were all auctioned. Also special thanks was given to Ronnie Sikes who was in charge of the cookers, Edwina Friedman who did a great job with T-Shirts and Andy Friedman for a wonderful job on announcing and advertising the Pork Fest Event. Ms. Childers reported the revenue realized from the event was \$3,598.00, expenditures were \$2,683.37 and cleared 914.63. Ms. Childers stated much was learned this year which will help the Committee do a better job next year.

Mayor Busch recognized Andy Friedman, President of the Ellore Business Association. Mr. Friedman announced that he had accepted a new employment position located in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and would be leaving and closing his store by the end of July. He expressed his appreciation to the people of Ellore for the support he had received individually and for his business. Councilman Fanning suggested that we write a letter of recommendation, endorsement and support addressed to his new employer and local government for the Town of Myrtle Beach stating how much Andy and Edwina Friedman had always shown their passion and willingness to volunteer their services for the Town of Ellore.

V. Water Commission Report

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System, along with the minutes of the May 2014 water commission meeting.

There were 76 work orders in May and 643 water customers billed. Water loss was at 15% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The next Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on June 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Dantzler announced that Dale Weatherford, Superintendent of Ellore Water System, had resigned as of June 5, 2014, and a search is now underway for a new Superintendent, but Mannie Barnes is now handling operations until someone is hired. An outside contractor is overseeing day-to-day operations.

Ms. Dantzler also wanted to inform Council that a fire hydrant had been tampered with and wanted the public to please advise the Ellore Water System if anyone suspects this is happening.

VI. Police Report

During the month of May the police department responded to (22) requests for service and arrested (10) individuals.

- A. Incidents that were solved or closed by arrest are as follows:
 - a. (3) Arrests for Possession of Marijuana,
 - b. (1) arrest for Malicious Injury to Personal Property,
 - c. (3) arrests for Shoplifting,
 - d. (1) arrest of a person who was wanted by Orangeburg County S. O.,
 - e. (1) arrest for Criminal Domestic Violence and,
 - f. (1) arrest for Disorderly Conduct.
- B. Other reportable and non-reportable incidents or events included the following:

Picked up a subject wanted by Elloree P.D. from the Horry County Detention Center and transported the subject to the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

- a. responded to (5) false alarm calls,
- b. (4) routine requests for assistance by SCB&T,
- c. (3) domestic arguments,
- d. (5) request for assistance by other agencies that included the Santee Police Department and the SCHP, and
- e. (3) highway safety check points were conducted in conjunction with the SCHP, Santee Police Department and LEN.

Uniform Traffic Tickets.

The Police Department issued (20) Uniform Traffic Tickets.

Special Request.

A special request was presented to the Council for the purchase of new vehicle video equipment that would conform to modern standards. Also a request was made for uniforms and shoes.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Council reviewed the May 2014 Revenue & Expenditures financial reports for the Town in their binders. Councilman Felder moved to accept the financial reports. Councilman Void seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch advised no progress had been made on the possibility of a one-day business license, but hoped to have something to report in July.

IX. New Business

Mayor Busch asked for a motion to accept by title the second reading of the 2014-2015 budget in view of the fact the town was in transitioning from Nicholson Business Systems to Brodie, Summers & Wilkes, CPAs for Accounts Payable, Payroll, Cash Receipts and General Ledger. Councilman Fanning pointed out that there would be a Public Hearing on the budget Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall for questions and comments prior to a third and final reading of the budget at 5:30 p.m. on June 26, 2014. Councilman Fanning made a motion to allow and Councilman Void seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

The next regular Town Council meeting is Monday, July 14, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

X. Executive Session

Councilman Fanning requested to go into a short Executive Session, Councilman Void seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

Councilman Void made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Councilman Felder seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Councilman Fanning made a motion that Council approve the expenditures requested by the Police Department. Councilman Gidron seconded and all voted to accept.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Kim Gidron. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Martin,
Town Clerk