

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

**Present:** Van A. Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
Barry Pauling, Council Member  
James V. Fogle, Council Member  
Chasity Sanders Canaday, Clerk/Treasurer  
Larry McDowell, General Manager, Ellore Water System  
John D. Singh, Town Administrator  
Preston Avinger, Chief of Police

### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Opening Prayer**

Councilman Barry Pauling provided the invocation.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Jimmy Fogle made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting. Councilman Mike Fanning seconded. All were in favor.

### **IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment**

Edwin Kennerley of the Ellore Volunteer Fire Department addressed the Mayor and Council regarding

Of the Citizens Advisory Committee updated the Mayor and Council regarding the committee's first meeting, which was held on February 19, as well as upcoming plans for the Town's parks and recreation programs. Committee members include Derrick Dash, Jack Lane, Terrell Summers, Joan Jamison, Elizabeth Fogle, Tilly Martin and Taylor McKeowen.

## **V. Water Commission Report**

Elloree Water Commission General Manager Larry McDowell presented the monthly report and minutes of the February 12, 2008 water commission meeting to the council.

He said the system completed 29 work orders and billed 637 customers during February.

The system billed 358 customers on behalf of the town for household trash services. The estimated water loss was 17%, up from 9% in January.

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, March 11, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System.

## **VI. Police Report**

Chief Preston Avinger delivered the monthly report for the Elloree Police Department, reporting the following information for action taken:

### **9 Calls for Service**

#### **7 Arrests**

**1 Report** of Child Abuse that was investigated by Lin Shirer, whose findings were turned over to the Department of Social Services. During the course of this investigation, (1) family was placed on a safety plan by DSS, and the Elloree PD arrested (2) individuals out of the same household who were wanted on unrelated charges.

**2 Arrest** for Public Disorderly Conduct

**1 Arrest** for Driving under Suspension

**1 Arrest** for possession of marijuana

**1 Arrest** for simple possession of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute powder cocaine, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, and possession with intent involving both substances within proximity of Joe Miller Park.

**2 Requests for Assistance** from other agencies

**49 Traffic Stops**

**32 Uniform traffic tickets**

Chief Avinger and Investigator Shirer attended a meeting of the First Judicial Law Enforcement Network at the Orangeburg Shrine Club on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. During this meeting, a random drawing was held and the Ellore Police Department won a new, handheld, directional radar gun. This equipment, if purchased by the town, would have cost over six hundred dollars.

Chief Avinger also noted that the Ellore PD has been cracking down on people who unlawfully park in handicap parking areas. Out of the total traffic tickets issued in February, 6 tickets were issued for Unlawful Parking in a Handicap Zone. Uniform Traffic Tickets were issued at the IGA, Dollar General, Corner Store, and the Post Office. Each offense carries a 2 Point Violation and a \$440.00 fine.

## **VII. Administrator Report**

Administrator John Singh delivered the Administrator's report, reminding those attending that the Commerce Forum will be held at 6:30pm following the February council meeting on February 5, 2008.

Phase III of the Streetscape has started on Cleveland Street in the area between Highway 6 and Lexington Street. The project is proceeding on schedule and has only run into one glitch, with new handicap accessibility being addressed.

Singh also addressed the issue of telephone outages, noting that the town is working to prevent and prepare for future outages, particularly as they affect public safety agencies.

A public needs assessment meeting will be held on February 12, 2008 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be used to discuss concerns from citizens and needs for improvement in the community. He stressed the importance of citizen input during the meeting and encouraged residents to attend if possible. The town will also address upcoming projects and plans.

The administrator informed the mayor and council that the Town Audit for the 2006-07 fiscal year is moving along well and the continuing changes to the accounting system should be completed within the next two months.

## **VIII. Old Business**

There was no old business on the agenda.

## **IX. New Business**

John Singh asked that the Mayor and Council to consider a new usage policy for the Ellore Gym. The Gym, which was previously available for public rentals, is now the home of the Ellore Boys and Girls Club and rentals were temporarily stopped.

The new usage policy includes provisions for organized teams to practice, including public and private school teams, and will require a town employee to be present during all practices. Per the new policy, the activities of the Boys and Girls Club will take first priority over any other requests or rentals.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to adopt the proposed Ellore Gym Usage policy, with one change stipulating that the Boys and Girls Club will have first option at reserving the gym but will not supersede a group once a reservation has been made. Councilman Barry Pauling seconded the motion.

The Mayor presented the names Derrick Dash, Jack Lane, Terrell Summers, Joan Jamison, Elizabeth Fogle, Tilly Martin and Taylor McKeowen to serve on the town's Citizens Advisory Committee for Recreation.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the nominees. Barry Pauling seconded, and all were in favor. An organization meeting will be scheduled.

The Mayor presented the names Jal'al Bey, Judy Lambert, Isaac Wilborn, Susie Jefferson, James Adams, James Scherer, Beverly Parler-Rice, Richard Bochette, and one Ex-Officio member from the Orangeburg Boys and Girls Club to serve on the Board of Directors for the Ellore Boys and Girls Club.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the nominees. Barry Pauling seconded, and all were in favor.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to allow the town to send a letter of intent to Bob Hickman stating that the town will agree to annexation when a formal petition is received from the landowner. Councilman Barry Pauling seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mayor Stickles also recognized Officer Lin Shirer and applauded him for being named the 2007 Firefighter of the Year in St. Matthews. The Mayor thanked Shirer for the service he provides to the Town of Ellore and the people of Calhoun County.

**X. Executive Session\*\*\***

There was no executive session.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Jimmy Fogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Councilman Mike Fanning seconded the motion, and all were in favor.  
Mayor Van Stickle adjourned the meeting at 6:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Chasity Sanders Canaday, Town Clerk/Treasurer