

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, March 12, 2012**

**Present:** Van Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, 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 5:30 pm.

**II. Opening Prayer**

Councilman Harold Void provided the invocation.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

Councilman Milt Felder made a motion to appoint Chasity Avinger as the Town's Acting Town Clerk. He was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler and all were in favor.

**IV. Water Commission Report**

Systems Manager Cole Dantzler delivered the council report for the Water System and provided the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of February.

The Water System completed 56 work orders and billed 648 water customers during the month of February. They also billed 319 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 17 %.

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

There will be a public hearing on March 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss the results of the rate study conducted by Rural Water Association along with the structure of the water and sewer rates.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System building.

**V. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment**

Mayor Van Stickle read a proclamation declaring March 2, 2012 as Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. He also recognized the Mentor Book Club for the work it does to promote literacy within the community. He presented the proclamation to Mentor Book Club President Cindy Lane and member Chasity Avinger.

Resident Claudette Pauling addressed the mayor and council regarding several concerns including the 1% sales tax, the possible placement of a public basketball court at Joe Miller Park, and the recognition of an Ellore native at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC.

**VI. Police Report**

A report for February was presented at the meeting by Assistant Chief Lin Shirer, with the following information for action taken:

- **1 Arrest for Disorderly Conduct**
- **1 Arrest for Driving Under Suspension-1<sup>st</sup> Offense**
- **1 Arrest for Open Container in a Motor Vehicle**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

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

Acting Clerk Chasity Avinger presented the Police Fines Report for the month of February, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2401.00**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1359.21**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$125.52**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \*\$916.27 (Placed in Savings)**

## **VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

The Acting Clerk referred Council members to the February 2012 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. She noted that Town Auditor Chip Summers should be presenting the 2010-11 audit at the May council meeting.

Chasity Avinger updated the mayor and council regarding upcoming events. The 50<sup>th</sup> running of the Ellore Trials will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ellore Training Center and is expected to be one of the biggest crowds in the event's history. The Town will be hosting Pork Fest at Joe Miller Park on April 13 and 14. They are still looking for local teams to compete and for individuals to paint the Pork Fest pigs for the silent auction at the event.

Avinger also updated the mayor and council regarding the recent cancellation of the town's lease with CSX Railroad of property along Railroad Street. Confirmation of the cancellation has been received from CSX, and a refund of lease fees is pending.

## **VIII. Old Business**

The mayor opened discussion regarding the town's garbage service. The town's current contract with Suburban Disposal ends in June, and a decision has been pending regarding continuation of services. Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to not seek bids for service, to allow garbage companies to bill customers directly, and to amend the existing town garbage ordinance. She was seconded by Councilman Harold Void and all were in favor.

The existing garbage ordinance requires that every household maintain a garbage can, and this ordinance will be amended. Garbage companies interested in providing services will be notified, and a letter will go out to all residents regarding the change.

The mayor opened discussion regarding necessary repairs to the roof of the old depot building and the gazebo at Joe Miller Park. Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to repair both using Bair Builders with a total cost not to exceed \$5,000 paid out of the savings account. She was seconded by Councilman Harold Void and all were in favor.

Clerk Avinger presented council with a request to purchase a new copier for the Town Hall. Councilman Milt Felder made a motion to purchase a copier with no

service plan at a cost not to exceed \$3500 to be paid out of savings. He was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler and all were in favor.

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 02-13-12-1: Procurement Policy with one amendment to Section 2.2 changing the amount from five thousand dollars to ten thousand. She was seconded by Councilman Harold Void and all were in favor.

A public hearing was held on March 13, 2012 at 5:15pm to discuss the ordinance.

IX. **New Business**

The mayor presented a contract for grant administration services for the Community Development Block Grant received by the Ellore Water System. The project includes the extension of water lines down Tee Vee Road and will be administered by Mary Jo Delaney. Delaney was chosen after a Request for Proposals and a formal bid review by the Ellore Water Commission. Councilman Milt Felder made a motion to accept the contract and was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor, and Mayor Stickles signed the contract.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2012.

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

There was no executive session.

XI. **Adjournment**

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Milt Felder and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity Sanders Avinger, Acting Town Clerk