

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, March 11, 2013

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Mike Fanning, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Harold Void provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

Mayor Van Stickles recognized Coach Roy Brown, Coach Herman Jenkins, and Coach Harold Void of the Lake Marion Varsity Boys Basketball Team. The mayor presented a resolution applauding the accomplishments of the 2012-13 team, including winning the Region VII-AA Championship and the 2A Lower State Championship.

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-03-11R and was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor, and a copy of the resolution was presented to the coaches.

Coach Roy Brown thanked the mayor and council for recognizing the team's accomplishments. Coach Harold Void thanked the mayor and council for their support throughout the season.

V. Water Commission Report

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System, along with the minutes of the January water commission meeting.

There were 90 work orders in February and 638 water customers billed. Water loss was 4% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Elloree Water Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

VI. Police Report

A report for February was presented at the meeting by Clerk of Court Danielle Winnigham, with the following information for action taken:

- **11 Requests for Service**
- **1 Arrest for Disorderly Conduct**
- **1 Arrest for Shoplifting**
- **1 Arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **5 Requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **9 Other traffic offenses**
- **13 Uniform Traffic Tickets**

The Clerk also presented the Police Fines Report for the month of February, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$1984.00**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1093.85**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$153.89**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$736.26 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Clerk Winningham referred Council members to the February 2013 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. She noted that the Town is at approximately 60% for revenues collected and approximately 63.5% for expenditures, both of which are on target for the budget year.

Mayor Van Stickles noted that a franchise fee from Tri-County Electric Cooperative is reflected in the town's revenue and thanked Tri-County for their continued support of the community.

The Clerk noted that Trash to Treasures was held on March 9 with numerous vendors and food vendors downtown, along with yard sales throughout town. She added that there was good attendance at the event, and Mayor Van Stickles noted that attendance was steady throughout the day. He added that the fall Trash to Treasures will be held on September 14.

The Lions Club will hold their "Walk for Sight" on Saturday, March 16. They will begin at Joe Miller Park at 2:00pm and walk through town before having a cook-out. The event is designed to raise awareness for the Lions Club and for their sight preservation programs.

The Ellore Trials are scheduled for March 23 at the Ellore Training Center. The Training Center should be contacted at 803-897-2616 for more information on attendance, participation, and parking.

The Clerk reminded the mayor and council members that their annual ethics reports are due on April 15th and have to be filed online.

Pork Fest is scheduled for April 12 and 13 at Joe Miller Park. Anything But BBQ will be held on Friday night, and the BBQ cook-off will be held on Saturday. Chasity Avinger noted that Pork Fest is looking for a different type of pig to paint for this year's pig auction.

The annual Rabies Clinic will be held on April 16 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the old fire station on Cleveland Street. The fee will be \$7.00 per cat or dog.

The Clerk noted that she has contacted the Auditor regarding the audit and hopes to present it to council within the next month.

Zoning Administrator Chasity Avinger presented a zoning update for the Mayor and council. All five spots are full on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals at this time. The Board of Zoning Appeals held their annual

meeting on Monday, March 11, 2013. The three new appointees have completed their initial zoning training requirements, and four of the existing members have also completed their continuing training requirement. Avinger noted that there are multiple upcoming training opportunities for the zoning officials and staff. Annual training updates are required by state statute for all zoning officials.

A municipal election will be held on November 5, 2013. Clerk Winningham noted that filing for the municipal election opens on July 12 at noon and closes on July 26 at noon. Open seats include the seat of Mayor Van Stickles, Councilman Barbara Butler (District 1), Councilman Mike Fanning (District 4), and Water Commissioner Bill Irick. This year's voting will take place at Ellore Elementary-Middle School along with the general elections scheduled for that same day.

Mayor Stickles noted that there is a vacancy on the Election Commission due to the death of Commissioner Michelle Felkel. The mayor nominated Roger Keller to fill the vacancy on the Election Commission. Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the nomination and was seconded by Councilman Harold Void. All were in favor, and Mr. Keller will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stickles noted that the town needs to replace one of its riding mowers for the Streets and Parks department. Councilman Harold Void made a motion to allow the mayor to seek prices and choose a replacement mower. He was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler, and all were in favor.

Councilman Milt Felder asked about the progress of the bridge on Cleveland Street near the State Park. The mayor added that Carolina Bridge Company of Orangeburg was the chosen bid, and the project should be finished by November.

The mayor noted that he has met with the Forestry Commission regarding assistance with choosing trees for planting along Highway 6. Council also noted that the Department of Transportation is working to replace sidewalk ramps along Highway 6 for increased handicapped access.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, April 8, 2013 at 5:30pm.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Winningham, Town Clerk