

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, March 9, 2015

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

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on Trash 2 Treasurer that was held on March 7, 2015. There was a good turnout for the event and everyone seemed to have a good time. The vendors stated that overall they did very well. Mayor Busch thanked Robin Newton, Jennifer Stevenson and Chris Finch for all the work they did to put the event together.

II. Opening Prayer

Council Member Harold Void provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the February 9, 2015 Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Milt Felder and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

The Mayor Busch recognized Ms. Jennifer Stevenson with our Streets and Parks Department along with Ms. Leigh Walker with the Clemson Extension out of St. Matthews. They spoke about the new 4-H Club that they are getting started here in Ellore. The first meeting of the 4-H Club was Saturday, March 7, 2015 and it was a big success. They were around 18 kids sign up for 4-H with some applications still out.

The goal of 4-H Club is to make a positive impact in the community and with the kids, by getting them more involved with the community. Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Leigh are both looking forward to working with the kids and helping them learn

about nature, gardening, and many different aspects of science. Time spent with kids is so rewarding and it helps the kids become a better person.

If you are interested in being part of the 4-H or just want more information please contact Ms. Jennifer Stevenson at 307-371-8468 or 803-897-2821.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzer presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 42 work orders in January and 639 water customers billed. Water loss was at 17% 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 March 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Police Chief Avinger presented the Police Report for January and February 2015. During the two months the police department responded to (43) calls for request for service and arrested (10) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana,
- (4) arrest for subjects who were wanted on outstanding warrants from other jurisdictions,
- (1) arrest for Loitering after subject fled from the Ellore Police Department on foot into a wooded area behind the pallet company. Subject was apprehended a short time later and was also wanted by OCSO.
- (1) arrests for Criminal Domestic Violence 2nd with injury,
- (1) arrest for Loitering at the Back Street Bar and Grill,
- (1) arrest for person wanted by Orangeburg County Sheriff Offices, and
- (1) arrest for operating a business without a license within the Town of Ellore.

B. Incidents or Events and Training included the following

- (2) Complaints of loud music with heavy bass from the Back Street Bar, both complaints were from different dates but from the same complainant,
- (1) report of a Larceny of household items that were located at the rear of rental property on Cleveland Street,

- Responded to (2) domestic calls that were not involving Criminal Domestic Violence,
- (7) false alarm calls,
- Responded to (5) welfare check calls to the same residence where an elderly person has been discovered incapacitated due to medical reason in the past,
- (9) routine request for assistance by South State Bank,
- (4) request for assistance by Santee Police Department,
- (1) Report of a "Fondling Incident" between a 4 year old victim and a 7 year old suspect. This incident is still under investigation and a update on the status will follow at a later date,
- (1) report of Financial Trans. Card Fraud that after investigation was determined to be unfounded,
- (1) attempted suicide where subject was transported to TRMC,
- Chief Avinger attended the Bernard Bailey murder trial as a subpoenaed witness in the case,
- Officer Shirer & Murphree attended a 2 day data master recertification course at the Criminal Justice Academy, and
- Officer Shirer attended the 1st Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network Meeting in St. Matthews.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (25) traffic stops and issued (9) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Municipal Court was cancelled for February due to all tickets being adjudicated before court. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offences not related to traffic.

Chief Avinger made Mayor and Council award that he would be running in the Cooper River Bridge Run 10K held on March 28, 2015. Chief Avinger is running in this event to raise awareness for the Semper Fi Fund. His set goal of \$700.00 has been met and now he has a new goal of \$1000.00. If anyone is interested in making a donation to this great cause please do so at

<https://2015-cooper-river-run.everydayhero.com/us/preston>

Chief Avinger recognized Officer Shawn Murphree for his outstanding efforts on March 7, 2015 while performing CPR on Mr. Gordy, an elderly gentleman from Maryland who collapsed on Cleveland Street around 8:00 a.m.. Despite the efforts from Chief Avinger, Officer Murphree, Mr. Chris Carver with the Ellore Fire Department and others Mr. Gordy did not survive. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Gordy family.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$734.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$348.97
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$94.27
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$290.76 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for February 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 Kim Gidron second the motion and all voted to accept.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch reminded Council Member of the deadline for the State of South Carolina State Ethics Commission Report is March 23, 2015.

Mayor Busch also asked for an update on the Capital Projects Penny Sales Tax. Council Member Void state that he has been asking the constituents of his district for some feedback on the matter however, as of this time he has not received any.

Mayor Busch read a thank you note from Ms. Jennifer Rash to Council and the Police Department for their presents at the funeral of their son William Beau Busch.

IX. New Business

The next Town 'Council Meeting will be April 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 with DPU (Department of Public Utilities), contractual matters with landscaping, and the new building and community development ordinance for the county. Council Member Fanning made a motion, Council member Void seconded the motion all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Council member Void made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. and Council member Felder second the motion, all voted to accept.

Council member Fanning made a motion that Ellore have the first reading to adopted Orangeburg County Ordinance No: 2014-05-19-10 Community Development Code. Along with the first reading to adopted Orangeburg County Ordinance No: 2013-10-07-13 Building Code. Council member Void second the motion, all voted to accept.

Council member Fanning made a motion to authorize Orangeburg DPU to send a survey to the residence and business of the Town of Ellore. Council member Void second the motion, all voted to accept.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk