

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, March 10, 2014

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

Andrew Friedman, Acting Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Stan Busch provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fanning and all were in favor.

Councilman Felder made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2014 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fanning and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

There were not special guests or public request for comments

V. Water Commission Report

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

There were 102 work orders in February and 625 water customers billed. Water loss was at 14% for the month, up from 8% in January. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Flushing has been in progress last week. With no issues.

The next Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on March 11, 2014 at 6:00pm.

VI. Police Report

Chief Preston Avinger presented the Police Report for February:

Reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **1 Arrest for Burglary 3rd Degree and Larceny**
- **2 Arrests of subjects who were "WANTED" for criminal charges by Orangeburg County**
- **1 Burglary with Larceny where the responding officer located the subjects and had all items returned to the victim... Victim declined to prosecute**
- **Took 1 elderly adult into emergency protective custody due to their inability to properly care for themselves**
- **2 false alarm calls**
- **3 routine calls to assist SCB&T**
- **2 Requests for assistance by by the SCHP**
- **2 Vehicular accidents**

The Police Department conducted 26 traffic stops and issued 14 Uniform Traffic Tickets. The Ellore Police Department also conducted two Traffic Safety Check Points in conjunction with the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

The Acting Administrative Assistant presented the Police Fines Report for the month of February showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$395.00**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$211.48**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$16.98**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$166.54 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Council reviewed the February 2014 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

- Trash to Treasure – report by Andy Friedman
 - 13 vendors including 2 food vendors
 - Great day – good feedback from vendors and local merchants
- Pork Fest – report by Linda Childers
 - April 11 & 12 at Joe Miller Park
 - Friday, April 11 starts at 6:00 pm and goes until 7:30 pm for “Anything but Pork” Judging of dishes will be by popular vote, Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 10, and kids under 6 will eat free.
 - Music will be provided on Friday night by the Palmetto Jazz Band
 - There will be a cake contest sponsored by the Elloree Heritage Museum with cakes available for purchase after judging
 - There will be a silent auction of painted/decorated pigson Friday and Saturday. Winners awarded Sat 1:30 pm
 - Local merchants will paint/decorate the pigs
 - Saturday event begins at 10:30 am with music and food will begin serving at 11:00 am
 - Tickets – Adults in advance \$ 5.00. Day of event, \$6.00 for adults, Children under 10 are \$3.00 and kids under 6 eat free. Plates will be available for \$7.00, and BBQ can be purchased for \$7.00/lb
 - Proceeds of the town benefit town beautification projects
 - For cookers, the entry fee of \$100. All entry fees will be award as prizes with the winner receiving 70% of entry fees, 2nd place 20%, and 3rd place 10%
 - There will be music on Saturday as well as games for children of all ages
 - Event organizers are expecting up to 500 attendees

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Mayor reported that today he received notification that the town will be receiving a MASC Telecommunications Tax Collection reimbursement of \$2,935.14.

The Mayor further reported that last week he met with Stephanie Grant with the Orangeburg County Capital Development Project about the 1% or Penny Tax money. The Town has a \$20,126.99 carryover from the current Phase II monies. Phase III begins in March/April, but projects cannot start until May based on actual funding availability.

In Phase III, Elloree will receive \$350,000 for weatherization and renovation of town buildings: Town Hall, Depot, Streets & Parks buildings.

\$200,000 is available for the Elloree Water System for upgrades to the wastewater treatment system.

\$33,022 for recreational improvements at Joe Miller Park, Lyons Park, and Hungerpillar Baseball Field.

The money can be spent over 7 years.

The Mayor stated that he intends to form an advisory committee to seek input on how the funds should be spent and welcomes input from the community.

There is also additional money that will be allocated to Orangeburg County District 2, which is shared between Elloree, Santee & Bowman.

Councilman Void asked about gym at Joe Miller Park which is run by Boys & Girls Club of Orangeburg County. Councilman Void asked why the Town would spend money on the gym if Elloree doesn't get to take advantage of the facility. There was discussion and input from the floor about the requirements and expectations of the Boys & Girls Club as it relates to the gym. It is expected that the Director of Boys and Girls Club and the Mayor will be meeting to discuss plans and requirements.

A community member discussed lack of "decent swings" for all ages.

Ms. Jane Singh explained how the Orangeburg County Library uses the building owned by the Mentor Book Club and how that situation is similar to that of the gym with the Boys and Girls Club.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, March 10, 2014 at 5:30pm.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Void made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Felder. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Friedman, Acting Administrative Assistant