

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2015**

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

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 April 13, 2015 Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 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

There were on special guest for this council meeting.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System. There were 92 work orders in April and 635 water customers billed. Water loss was at 21% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The Elloree Water Commission will hold its next meeting on May 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Police Officer Shawn Murphree presented the Police Report for April 2015. During the month the police department responded to (13) calls for request for service and arrested (9) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (3) Arrest for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for Shoplifting,
- (3) arrest for a subjects who were wanted on outstanding warrants from other jurisdiction, and
- (2) arrest for operating a business without a town business license.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Civil complainant from Amware Pallet Co.,
- (5) false alarm calls,
- (2) routine request for assistance by South State Bank,
- (2) request for assistance by Santee Police Dept., and
- (1) request for assistance by the SCHP.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (26) traffic stops and issued (14) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offences not related to traffic.

3. Training

Preston Avinger and Lin Shirer attended the 2015 National Crime Victims' Right Week Conference in Columbia. Both Avinger and Shirer were certified as Victim Service Providers. Lin Shirer also attended a 3 day radar re-certification class at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$2918.50
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1250.26
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$467.67
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1200.57 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for April 2015 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. Council Member Harold Void moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Milt Felder second the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin stated that she has been working with Heather Rhinehart from Brodie, Summers & Wilkes on the new accounting system QuickBooks. As of this time everything is looking good and the new system is working out great.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch gave an update on the 2013/2014 audit. Mr. Tripp with Murdaugh & Associates, CPA LLC has been in today doing testing for the audit and stated that the audit should be ready for the next Council Meeting in June.

Mayor Busch also read a letter from the Ellore Heritage Museum & Cultural Center thanking the Town of Ellore for allocating \$4,000.00 to help with expenses and is looking forward to working with the town for the good of the entire area.

IX. New Business

Mayor Busch made a motion for the first reading of the 2015/016 budget in Title Only. This means from this day forward that the Town of Ellore will be working on the new budget. Council Member Harold Void made the motion, Council Member Milt Felder second the motion and all voted to accept.

Mayor Busch announced that during executive session they would be discussing an opportunity that the town has to purchase two buildings located next to Town Hall. Busch stated that the buildings have been vacant and abandon for many years and the town needs more space. If the purchase does go through the buildings can be used for the Ellore Police Department as well as a Welcome Center. Mayor Busch has a vision that the town well grow and the need to have more space will arise.

Mayor Busch also stated that the town is setting up its Planning Commission, Appeals Commission, and Election Commission and we have three candidates to be sworn in. This will be discussed in executive session and then the candidates will be swore in after the executive session.

The next Town 'Council Meeting will be June 8, 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 landscaping, and Personnel matters. Council Member Harold Void made a motion, Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m..

Council Member Kim Gidron made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. and Council Member Milt Felder second the motion, all voted to accept.

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to accepted the bid from Sweetwater Landscaping to maintain certain areas of the town (stated in the contract) for the period of five months. Council Member Milt Felder second the motion , all were in favor.

Council Member Harold Void made a motion for the Town of Ellore to purchase the buildings next to Town Hall and incorporate it into the Town Hall complex. Council Member Milt Felder second the motion , all were in favor.

Mayor Busch invited Ms. Sara Ann Fogle to step forward to be sworn in as the newest member of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Busch invited Mr. Danny Cumbee to step forward to be sworn in as the newest member of the Election Commission.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk