

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, May 3, 2010

Present: Van A. Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael Fanning, Council Member
Jimmy Fogle, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Chasity D. Canaday, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Barbara Butler provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 meeting as written. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

There were no special guests or public requests or comments.

V. Water Commission Report

Elloree Water System General Manager Larry McDowell delivered the council report for the Water System, providing the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of April.

The Water System completed 54 work orders and billed 646 water customers during the month of April. They also billed 351 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 18%, up from the 16% in March.

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

McDowell gave an update on the ongoing valve replacement project, which began on March 1, 2010 and is being done by Carolina Tap and Valve. He noted that some of the valves that were scheduled to be replaced were in better condition than expected, decreasing the cost of the project, and the Water System plans to seek approval to do additional work.

He advised the Mayor and Council that the Water System has submitted a grant application to the SC Budget and Control Board for \$29,500.00. If the funds are received, then the money will be used for line replacement on Highway 6.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System building.

VI. Police Report

A report for April was presented at the meeting by Officer Shawn Murphree, with the following information for action taken:

- **21 Requests for Service**
- **10 Arrests**
- **1 Arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- **2 Arrests for Burglary and Grand Larceny (Property Recovered)**
- **2 Arrests for Burglary with Malicious Injury to Real Property (Vacant)**
- **1 Arrest for Driving Under Suspension**
- **3 Arrests for Subjects Wanted by Other Jurisdictions**
- **1 Arrest for Shoplifting**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **3 False alarm calls**
- **4 calls to assist SC Bank and Trust**
- **2 Shoplifting Calls**
- **3 Requests for assistance from other law enforcement agencies**
- **49 Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued**

Clerk Canaday presented the Police Fines Report for the month of April, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$6,467.14**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2386.68**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$202.37**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \$2846.33**

Clerk Canaday also presented the Mayor and Council with an expenditure request for police fines revenue generated during this budget year, which will be addressed in Old Business.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Clerk presented the April 2010 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. The Clerk added that she met with the Town's auditor Chip Summers during the past month and is working on final budget adjustments for the current fiscal year.

Pork Fest was held on April 9 and 10 at Joe Miller Park, and the Clerk reported that the event was a huge success, raising almost \$4,000.00.

Clerk Canaday added that a Rabies Clinic was held on April 20, 2010 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Helmly Brothers Ace Hardware. Over 160 animals were vaccinated.

The Town's Relay for Life team competed in the Orangeburg County Relay on April 23rd, and the team raised \$2,395.00.

Trinity Lutheran Church held its annual Operation Inasmuch on April 24 to clean up Loyns Park and Cleveland Street. The Police Department held their annual service day on the same day to encourage other individuals, businesses, and civic groups to participate, and lunch was provided by the EPD for those who volunteered.

Clerk Canaday presented the Mayor and Council with a schedule of upcoming meetings and events scheduled during the month of May, including the Heritage Corridor Ambassadors Tour at the Museum on May 6, the Business Association's downtown sidewalk sale on May 8, and the State Holiday on May 10, which will close the Town Hall.

The Town will hold numerous meetings on May 13, including a 1% Sales Tax Public Hearing at 2:00pm, a 2010-11 fiscal year Budget Hearing at 2:30pm, a Special Council Meeting at 3:00pm, and Municipal Court at 6:00pm.

The Clerk also announced that the Ellore Heritage Museum will hold its first annual Heritage Baseball Program and Tournament on May 22 and 23. The program will be held on Saturday, May 22 at 7:00pm and will feature special guest Bill Spiers as well as other baseball themed food and presentations. The tournament will begin at 12:30pm on Sunday, May 23rd at the baseball field on Harlin Street. Clerk Canaday noted that work is ongoing at the baseball field and that the old fencing has been removed, the fence line cleared, and the field graded. A new backstop, bases, and fence is scheduled to be installed prior to the tournament and is funded through 1% sales tax funding earmarked for recreation.

Clerk Canaday also offered an update on the ongoing census. Anyone who receives their mail at their home should have received a form by now. If not, they need to contact the Census Bureau. Census forms will not be mailed to post office boxes so those people will be counted in person during census visits. Census forms are also available at the Ellore Town Hall and Piggly Wiggly of Santee.

VIII. Old Business

Clerk Canaday presented the Mayor and Town Council with an expenditure request for police fines collected during the month of April 2010. The Clerk requested that \$1,282.95 collected in April be used to offset the \$5,618.91 paid out of the General Fund for a Streetscape loan closing in January. \$642.72 was approved for reimbursement in February, \$846.91 in March, and \$2,846.33 in April. She requested that the remaining \$648.64 be placed in savings.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the Clerk's request. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Clerk Canaday updated the Mayor and Council regarding the status of plans to discontinue garbage collection service to out of town customers. Council members voted in March's meeting to discontinue service, and that process is underway. The water department has provided a list of garbage customers, and the Town is sending letters to out of town customers to notify them of the end of service.

During the March meeting, council members also decided to forward the town's current garbage collection service contract with Suburban Disposal to the town's attorney for review. This has been done, and the Clerk is waiting on a reply.

The Clerk noted that the Town will be strictly enforcing the yard trash ordinance this month and provided copies to the Mayor and Council with a request that they review the ordinance for changes.

IX. New Business

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2010-11 fiscal year budget by title only. Councilman Harold Void seconded. All were in favor.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 2:30pm at the Town Hall for input regarding the proposed budget. Second reading will be held on the same day during a special council meeting at 4:00pm.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2010.

X. Executive Session***

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Councilman Harold Void seconded. All were in favor. The Mayor and Town Council entered into executive session at 5:32pm.

Councilman Void made a motion to leave executive session. Councilman Butler seconded. All were in favor. The Mayor and Town Council came out of executive session at 5:48pm. No action was taken.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Harold Void seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity D. Canaday, Town Clerk