

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, May 2, 2011

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael Fanning, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Holley Geiger, Assistant Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Van Stickles called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

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 April 11, 2011 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harold Void. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

Mayor Stickles announced the resignation of Councilman Jimmy Fogle effective May 31st due to health reasons. Mayor Stickles thanked Councilman Fogle for his years of faithful service to the Town of Ellore. Members of council took turns recalling memories and qualities of Councilman Fogle. All Council members expressed their appreciation, and admiration. Mayor Stickles stated that Councilman Fogle's District was well represented. Councilman Fogle's wife Sarah Ann Fogle accepted a plaque on his behalf. Councilman Fogle's seat is scheduled to be filled in the next November election.

V. Water Commission Report

Systems Manager Cole Dantzler delivered the council report for the Water System and provided the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of April.

The Water System completed 43 work orders and billed 647 water customers during the month of April. They also billed 327 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 13 %, up from 8 % in March.

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

Elloree Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

VI. Police Report

A report for April was presented at the meeting by Chief Preston Avinger, with the following information for action taken:

- **1 Arrest for Public Disorderly Conduct**
- **2 Arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- **1 Arrest for Petit Larceny**
- **1 Arrest for Shoplifting**
- **1 Arrest for Open Container**
- **1 Arrest for Alcohol Violation**
- **1 Arrest for Drug Paraphernalia**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **3 requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **46 Uniform Traffic Tickets**

Chief Avinger reported there has been an increase in theft around town, but few reports filed. Chief Avinger encouraged citizens to file a report with the Police Department when thefts occur.

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

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2276.14**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$807.04**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$65.67**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$1403.43**

*Retained amount to be placed in Savings.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Assistant Clerk presented the April 2011 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Assistant Clerk Geiger stated that the 2009 – 2010 Audit results would be presented during the June Town Council Meeting by Clerk Chasity Avinger and Auditor Chip Summers of Brodie, Summers and Wilkes of Orangeburg.

The Assistant Clerk reported that the Rabies Clinic held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 from 4-6:00pm at the old fire station on Cleveland Street was a big success. She spoke with Dr. Hutto, and he stated that they had vaccinated over 150 animals.

She also updated the Mayor and Council regarding the Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation. The lights in the Gazebo and Gasque Shelter have been replaced with Vandal Proof lighting, and the lighting is currently being addressed in the restrooms at both parks. The Committee is also working on a grant from the Joe Miller Park Foundation to resurface the tennis courts. The next Parks Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2011.

Assistant Clerk Geiger directed council's attention to the letters received from Suburban Disposal and stated that Clerk Avinger is currently reviewing the figures and will present a recommendation at the next council meeting.

Geiger announced that this would be her last council meeting as an employee of the Town of Ellore. She thanked the Mayor and council for the opportunity they had given her and stated that she had enjoyed her time working for the Town.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

IX. New Business

A motion to pass the First Reading of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget in Title only was made by Councilman Fanning and seconded by Councilman Butler. All were in favor. A special public hearing regarding the budget was scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 5:30pm.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2011.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Stickles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Butler and the meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holley Geiger, Assistant Clerk