

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, May 13, 2013

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member

I. Call to Order

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

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 8, 2013 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

Andy Friedman spoke on behalf of the Ellore Business Association noting several concerns by the business owners. Mayor Stickles said it would be best to come up with a plan to address these concerns and said he would like ideas from the EBA. The EBA also suggested a town clean up day. It was noted that there is one held in the fall, but another could be arranged. Mayor and Council agreed with another town wide clean up day and it is tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2013.

Another concern for the EBA was that the Town Hall is not open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mayor Stickles and several council members noted that they have had no complaints over the town hall schedule and do not see any reason in changing it.

Friedman also noted that the Ellore Business Association will be hosting a Wine and Cheese event on May 20, 2013 at the Bedouin Bazaar Gallery as a business appreciation and membership drive.

V. Water Commission Report

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

There were 63 work orders in April and 652 water customers billed. Water loss was 11% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 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:

- **8 Requests for Service**
- **1 Arrest for No SC Driver's License**
- **1 Arrest for DUI**
- **1 Arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- **1 Arrest for DUS**
- **5 Arrests for Open Container**
- **2 Arrests for Disorderly Conduct**
- **1 Arrest for Discharging a Firearm in City Limits**
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Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **3 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **2 Requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **15 Other traffic offenses**
- **29 Uniform Traffic Tickets**

Mayor Stickles noted the Police Fines Report for the month of April, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$4347.00**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2132.81**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$428.30**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$1785.89 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Clerk Danielle Sanders referred Council members to the April 2013 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Sanders reminded everyone that July 4th is quickly approaching. The Town will host the annual Independence Day Program in Joe Miller Park on July 4, 2013. The Picnic will begin at 6:00pm. The program will begin at 7:30pm, and will be followed by the fireworks display sponsored by the Elloree Police Department.

Sanders also noted that there are several seats open in the November 2013 election. The filing period will begin at noon on July 12, 2013, and will close on July 26, 2013 at noon.

Zoning Administrator Chasity Avinger noted that there will be a meeting for the Board of Zoning Appeals on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 5:30pm. This meeting involves a request for a special exception. Avinger also noted that there are many training opportunities coming up soon and dates will be made available to Elloree board members who still need any training.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed budget. Sanders said the proposed budget is the same as last year, noting that there are no expected changes in revenue and expenses. It was noted that the Aid to Subdivision money was lowered again, but with the raise in the business license rate, the change was offset. Mayor Stickles commented that he would like to add a Building Maintenance expense line to cover items in town hall, noting how the air conditioner was in need of replacement. Avinger informed mayor and council to begin thinking about where they would want to take that money from or a way to make the revenue to cover it.

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the second reading of the 2013-14 Budget, with an extra line item of Building Maintenance. There will be a public hearing at 5:00pm on June 10, 2013 at Town Hall.

IX. New Business

Councilman Michael Fanning sent recommendations for council to review regarding the town ball field. The first was to have ball teams register to use the

facility, which Mayor Stickles noted is already done by the Town Hall. The second item was to restrict play for men's baseball to wooden bats only. Mayor and council discussed this option and noted that an ordinance would have to be put in place to enforce any regulations on this matter. Councilman Butler made a motion to restrict use to wooden bats only and Councilman Felder seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Two more recommendations were included of possible future grants to allow new fencing and another statement that the field is designed for community play and youth activities, not for competitive adult softball or baseball. The last two were noted but no action taken at this time.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, June 10, 2013 at 6:00pm.

X. Executive Session***

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Hamilton Felder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sanders, Town Clerk