

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, August 11, 2014

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

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stan Busch called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Busch provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the July 14, 2014 Council Meeting, as written. Councilman Milt Felder made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 Council Meeting, as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harold Void, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Mayor Busch recognized Ms. Christine Bickley of The Pythian Sisters of Ellore Temple No. 4. Ms. Christine presented the town with a check from their earnings at the Pork Fest 2014. This is a generous donation that the sister's presents to the town each year. Ms. Christine reminded the Mayor and Town Council members of the Trunk or Treat festival coming in October and ask for any helping hands. Mayor Busch recognized Robin Newton as the Acting Town Clerk.

V. Water Commission Report

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 84 work orders in July and 651 water customers billed. Water loss was at 10% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month. The next Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on August 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Officer Lin Shirer presented the Police Report for the months of June and July.

During the combined months the police department responded to (43) calls for service, arrested (19) individuals, and took (1) minor child into emergency protective custody.

Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

A. Incidents that included arrest are follows:

- (1) arrest for criminal domestic violence,
- (5) arrests for subjects who were wanted on outstanding warrants,
- (4) arrests for open container of beer or wine in an automobile,
- (3) arrests for simple possession of marijuana,
- (1) arrest for shoplifting,
- (1) arrest for loitering,
- (1) arrest for driving under suspension,
- (1) arrest for malicious injury to personal property and,
- (1) arrest for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

B. Other reportable and non-reportable incidents included the following:

- Took (1) report for allegations of misconduct in office and obstruction of justice. This report was forwarded to SLED for follow up,
- Took (1) minor child into emergency protective custody in conjunction with Orangeburg County DSS... due to unsanitary conditions,
- (1) Elloree Town employee pleads not guilty to multiple charges in the July session of municipal court. At that time the employee requested a jury trial. Due to the fact that the mayor and some members of council will be called as witnesses the 1st Circuit Solicitors Office has adopted the case for prosecution,
- assisted the town with the 4th of July celebration by conducting the fireworks portion of the program,
- assisted the Elloree First Baptist Church with their 5k run on Harlin Street,
- (6) false alarm calls, (8) routine requests for assistance by SCB&T,
- (2) request for assistance by Santee Police Dept.,
- (1) request by the OCSO to respond just outside of the town limits in reference to multiple gunshots where multiple vehicles wrecked in an attempt to flee the scene. This occurred on Bay Street at a "Back to School Bash",
- (3) request for assistance by the SCHP,
- (3) motor vehicle accidents that included one involving a train and one involving a tractor trailer, and
- conducted (1) funeral escort.

The Police Department conducted (39) traffic stops and issued (34) Uniform Traffic Tickets.

The Police Fines Report for the month of July, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$1512.50

- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$801.01
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$115.50
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$595.99 (Places in Savings)

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Council reviewed the July 2014 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue & Expenditures reports for the month. Mayor Busch explained that the Town is transitioning from Nicholson Business System to QuickBooks Accounting System with Brodie, Summers, and Wilkes, LLP therefore, this is the first report to be generated and there is some tweaking that needs to be done. Councilman Void moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch spoke regarding the motion that was brought to his attention a few months ago concerning the Itinerants License. On August 12, 2014 he would be attending the Orangeburg City Administration meeting were all the mayors gather to address different concerns and discuss their ideas on how to resolve some of the issues. Mayor Busch will be addressing the motion at this meeting.

IX. New Business

The next regular Town Council meeting is Monday, September 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that the Council go into Executive Session. Councilman Void made a motion, Councilman Kim seconded the motion and all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.

Councilman Void made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. and Councilman Felder seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to hire a landscaping service for the Town of Ellore, Councilman Void seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Void made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Felder seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk