

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, November 2, 2009**

**Present:** Van A. Stickles, Mayor  
Barbara Butler, Council Member  
Michael Fanning, Council Member  
James V. 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 Jimmy Fogle made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting as written. Councilman Harold Void seconded. All were in favor.

### **IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment**

The Mayor introduced the Town's newest members of the Planning Commission; Tommi Crim (At-Large Member Appointed by Mayor Stickles), Daisy Pauling of District 2 (Void), and Shand Broadway of Council District 3 (Fogle). Other members include Charles Haley of Council District 1 (Butler) and Andrew Friedman of Council District 4 (Fanning).

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission serve three year terms and are required to complete six years of certified training during their first year of service and three hours of certified training during each subsequent year of service.

Also present was Bill Huggins of the South Carolina Municipal Association. Mr. Huggins serves as the Town's Field Services Manager.

## **V. Water Commission Report**

Ellore Water System General Manager Larry McDowell delivered the council report for the Water System, providing the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from October and the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Water System meeting.

The Water System completed 41 work orders and billed 655 water customers during the month of October. They also billed 355 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 18%, up from 15% in September.

All water and wastewaters facilities are in compliance with SC Department of Health and Environmental Control. The Water System will be changing out 30 valves from 1928 and has received bids on that project, which received stimulus funding.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System.

## **VI. Police Report**

Chief Preston Avinger delivered the monthly report for the Ellore Police Department, reporting the following information for action taken:

- **14 Calls for service**
- **5 Arrests**
- **24 Uniform traffic tickets**
- **2 Arrests for Loitering**
- **1 Arrest for an Outstanding Bench Warrant**
- **2 Arrests for Open Container of Liquor**
- **4 False Alarms**
- **1 Report of Malicious Injury to Property**
- **3 Calls to Assist South Carolina Bank and Trust**
- **3 Assists to Other Agencies**

Chief Avinger also reported that the Ellore PD received information regarding an individual in possession of weapons and explosive devices last week. That information was forwarded to the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office and resulted in the arrest of that individual. EPD Officer Shawn Murphree was on scene during the entire incident and provided the Sheriff's Office with valuable investigative assistance.

The Chief also displayed two awards that the Police Department received in October, including one from the First Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network for completing all requirements set forth by the Office of Highway Safety during the 2008-2009 Law Enforcement Challenge. The second award was the AAA Carolinas S.C. Safe Communities Award for municipalities under 10,000 in population. This is the second year in a row the police department has won this award.

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

- **Total Fines Collected: \$3729.26**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1619.74**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$196.94**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \$1912.58**

The fines will be approved for expenditure at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

## **VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

Clerk Chasity Canaday presented the Mayor and Council with an update regarding the financial audit for the 2008-09 fiscal year. The audit is underway and is being completed by Brodie, Summers & Wilkes of Orangeburg.

The Clerk also presented the October 2009 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

The Clerk updated the Mayor and Council regarding Fall Fest, which was held Saturday, October 10. There will be a festival follow up meeting held directly following the council meeting.

Clerk Canaday also updated the Mayor and Council regarding Trunk or Treat, held on October 31<sup>st</sup> and sponsored by the Town, the Police Department, and the Pythian Sisters of Ellore Temple No. 4. There were numerous local participants, including the Lions Club, Ellore Water System, Ellore Business Association, Ellore Heritage Museum, South Carolina Bank and Trust, Ellore Auto Parts, the Ellore Volunteer Fire Department, Karmen Kennerly, Christine Bickley, the General Food Store of Ellore, Jerusalem Methodist Church, and the Food Lion Distribution Center, who served hamburgers to raise money for their Children's Miracle Network fundraising drive.

The Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in recognition of Veterans Day. The Town Hall will also close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 25 and all day on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Town will host Small Town Christmas on Saturday, December 5. The day will kick off with Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Ellore Lions Club from 8:30am-11:00am. Santa will then travel to the Old Mil House Gift Shoppe before visiting other businesses in town and coming to the Museum from 3:00-4:00pm and the Police Department from 4:00pm-5:00pm. The Museum will also offer free admission all day to Ellore residents.

The Clerk presented the Mayor and Council with a copy of the remaining schedule for 2009 and a copy of the tentative 2010 Town events schedule.

#### **VIII. Old Business**

The Mayor and Council reviewed Ordinance 09-01-09-1, which is an amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance Section 6-100 pertaining to the Zoning Administrator. The current ordinance states that the Town Administrator will serve as the Zoning Administrator. The Clerk recommended that the language "Town Administrator" be changed to "person appointed by the Mayor" for the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance.

As recommended by Councilman Fanning, the amended ordinance also includes a provision requiring that the Zoning Administrator deliver a report of all decisions to council each month.

Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the third and final reading of the ordinance. Councilman Fogle seconded and all were in favor.

A public hearing was held on Monday October 5, 2009 at 5:00pm. There were no members of the public present regarding the proposed amendment.

#### **IX. New Business**

Mayor Stickles announced that the Department of Transportation has begun their sidewalk project on Harlin Street.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009.

**X. Executive Session\*\*\***

There was no executive session.

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Fogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Butler seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity D. Canaday, Town Clerk