

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, November 01, 2010

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael Fanning, 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 Harold Void provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 council meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Butler and all were in favor.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 council meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Butler and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

Mayor Van Stickles recognized Michelle Felkel, who was sworn in as the town's newest Election Commissioner. Felkel replaces Holley Geiger who recently resigned to accept a position as the Town's Assistant Clerk.

Mayor Stickles recognized Andrew Friedman, President of the Ellore Business Association who noted that the association currently has 10 active members. Friedman also addressed Council regarding the current initiatives that the organization is working on, including the placement of billboards on I-95, the reestablishment of the 2nd Saturday Sidewalk Sales, and the creation of an Association website at www.elloreesc.org.

Friedman stressed the need for continued business development, particularly in the downtown. He added that the EBA has researched several programs being used in communities across the state and stressed that a public-private partnership will be critical to the success of these efforts. He suggested using the Main Street 101 program offered through the SC Municipal Association which is currently used by towns throughout the state.

He asked that council appoint a representative from the Town Council to attend the Business Association's monthly meeting, which is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at Backstreet Bar and Grill. He also asked that the Town and Business Association to hold workshops between town representatives, the business community, civic groups, and residents to work on business development. He noted that the Business Association is not asking for funding at this time but is asking for time and assistance.

Councilman Void asked about the possibility of placing a billboard on I-26 to draw additional visitors to the town. Friedman responded that additional billboards are planned in the future, but that funds are not available for that venture at this time.

Mayor Stickles asked that Council review the two requests from the Business Association and take action on them. Councilman Butler made a motion to have a council member regularly attend Business Association meeting. Councilman Fanning seconded and all were in favor. Councilman Fanning agreed to attend as often as possible, with other council members filling in during months where he is unable to attend.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to work with the Business Association to hold workshops with the business and residents to work on a economic development plan. Councilman Butler seconded the motion and all were in favor.

V. Water Commission Report

Town Clerk Chasity Canaday delivered the council report for the Water System, providing the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of October.

The Water System completed 30 work orders and billed 651 water customers during the month of October. They also billed 327 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 14%, down from 22% in September.

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

Elloree Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

VI. Police Report

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

- **8 Requests for Service**
- **4 Arrests**
- **2 Arrests for Driving under Suspension**
- **1 Arrest for Public Disorderly Conduct**
- **1 Arrests for Simple Possession of Marijuana**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

- **3 calls to assist SC Bank and Trust**
- **2 Requests for assistance from other agencies**
- **8 Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued**

Chief Avinger also reported that the Police Department held its annual Service Day on Saturday, October 23, 2010. Local volunteers assisted the Police Department with clean up of Joe Miller Park in preparation for Trunk or Treat. Lunch was provided for all volunteers at Backstreet Bar and Grill.

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

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2380.64**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1299.38**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$110.47**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \$970.79**

Clerk Canaday noted that the amount retained by the Town was placed in the Savings account.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Clerk presented the October 2010 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. She also noted that the

2009-2010 audit is underway, and that she and Assistant Clerk Holley Geiger have met with auditors Chip Summers and Michael Weeks of Brodie, Summers, and Wilkes of Orangeburg.

Clerk Canaday presented the Mayor and Council with the proposed town council meeting schedule for 2011. She proposed that council meetings be held on the second Monday of each month rather than the first Monday. Councilman Void made a motion to approve the 2011 meeting as presented. Council Butler seconded and all were in favor. Council was in agreement, and the schedule was approved. Clerk Canaday also noted that the 2011 Events schedule has been confirmed and is available on the town website.

Canaday reported that Trunk or Treat was held at Joe Miller Park on Sunday, October 31 from 6:00pm-8:00pm and that the event was a huge success, with approximately 1000 people in attendance. She thanked the Pythian Sisters for partnering with the Police Department for the fourth year to organize the event. She also thanked Holley Geiger and local attorney Mike Daniel for donating toys and candy to the Police Department to hand out.

Canaday reported that DHEC will hold a flu clinic at Joe Miller Park from 9am to 12noon on Thursday, November 11, 2010. Flu shots will be provided free of charge to children under 19 and to seniors with Medicare. Shots for adults will be \$25.00.

The Clerk also presented the Mayor and Council with a list of holiday closings for the month of November. The Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, November 2 for Election Day and on Thursday, November 11 for Veterans Day.

The Town Hall will close at noon on Wednesday, November 24, all day on Thursday, November 25, and all day on Friday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

VIII. Old Business

The Mayor and Council discussed yard trash service. Councilman Fanning made a motion to allow the Mayor and Clerk to seek bids for contracted yard trash service. Councilman Butler seconded and all were in favor.

Councilman decided not to reopen the matter of Dan McMahon's Building Proposal at this time.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stickles informed Council that he is continuing to work with the Department of Transportation to address continued concerns regarding drainage on downtown Cleveland Street. He noted that it is a long-time problem and added that it will take a long-term solution. He thanked Joanne Woodrum of SCDOT for meeting with him and for continuing to work on the issue.

The Mayor also provided Council with information regarding proposed repairs to the front of the Town Hall. He noted that the Town has met with contractors regarding the repairs and submitted a request for funding in the amount of \$5,900 to Orangeburg County. Orangeburg County has approved \$3000, and the Mayor asked Council to approve expenditures from the Town's savings account up to \$2,900 to fund the project. Councilman Butler made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$2900 from savings. Councilman Fanning seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Councilman Fanning asked that a streetlight inventory be conducted.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010.

X. Executive Session***

Councilman Void made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:22pm. Councilman Butler seconded and all were in favor.

Councilman Void made a motion to leave executive session at 6:27pm. Councilman Butler seconded and all were in favor.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Fanning made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Councilman Butler. Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity D. Canaday, Town Clerk