

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, November 5, 2012

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Van Stickles called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Barbara Butler provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Michael Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Special Meeting, the October 8, 2012 Council Meeting, and the October 23, 2012 Special Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comments

Mayor Van Stickles swore Mike Spivey onto the Town's Planning Commission. Spivey was nominated by Mayor Stickles to fill the Commission's at-large seat.

V. Water Commission Report

Elloree Water System Manager, Cole Dantzler, delivered the monthly report for the Water System. She noted 68 completed work orders during the month of October and 649 customers billed. The estimated water loss was at 13% for the month. The Water and Wastewater Facility is in compliance with DHEC.

Dantzler also noted that the work on Highway 6 has been completed.

The next Water Commission meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00pm.

VI. Police Report

A report for October was presented at the meeting by Clerk Danielle Winningham, with the following information for action taken:

- **4 Arrests for Driving Under Suspension**
- **1 Arrest for Alcohol Violation**
- **1 Arrest for Sale of Tobacco to Minor**
- **1 Arrest for Underage Tobacco Violation**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

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

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

- **Total Fines Collected: \$4278.38**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2322.49**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$323.14**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$2719.75 (Placed in Savings)**

Winningham also noted that the totals do not match the amount in the Police Fines account due to clerical errors and placement of bond funds with fine payments.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Clerk Winningham referred Council members to the October 2012 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Winningham commented briefly on Trunk or Treat, held in Joe Miller Park on October 31, 2012. She thanked everyone who participated in donating candy and time. She noted many organizations, civic groups, and individual residents who participated, including Beth Looney and Faith Risher, Christine Bickley, Dollar General, Elloree Business Association, Elloree Heritage Museum, Elloree Lion's Club, Elloree Water System, First Baptist Church of Elloree, Flavor Masters Catering/Linda Stickle, IGA of Elloree, Jericho United Methodist Church, Karmen

Kennerly, Myra Ardis, Santee Bible Baptist, South Carolina Bank & Trust, Trinity United Methodist Church, WLRE Radio, and several individual residents.

Event volunteers and sponsors included Avinger Law Firm, Cleveland Street Café, Daisy Pauling, Delta Pharmacy, Ellore Fire Department, Ellore Garden Club, Ellore Police Department, Evergreen Garden Club, Mid-Carolina Sanitation, Old Mil House Gift Shoppe, Security Finance, Town of Ellore, Van Stickles, and World Finance along with numerous members of the Pythian Sisters, who started the event in 2007.

Mayor Stickles thanked Councilman Void, the Santee Kiwanas, and the Lake Marion JROTC for their help with traffic and parking. Councilman Void noted that they were glad to help and looked forward to being of assistance next year. Winningham noted that approximately 700 children participated this year with Trunk or Treat and the Town looks forward to many more years in the future.

Winningham noted that the next Town event will be Small Town Christmas on December 8, 2012. It will start with Breakfast with Santa at the First Baptist Church in Ellore sponsored by the Ellore Lions Club. After the breakfast, Santa will spend the day in businesses around town greeting shoppers and visitors. The Ellore Business Association will host the parade at 6:00pm.

Mayor Stickles added that there will be a Test Wreath Lighting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 3:00pm and a Wreath Party on November 20, 2012 at 5:30pm. This will allow the town and businesses to put lights on the wreaths that decorate the light poles along Cleveland Street. The Business Association will also host the Taste of Ellore on December 1, 2012, from 5-7pm, and do the first lighting along Cleveland Street for the holidays.

Mayor Stickles asked Winningham about the audit status. Winningham noted that there has extensive correspondence between Town Hall and Chip Summers of Brodie, Summers, and Wilkes. She noted that it will be a lengthy process as in years past but that the audit should be completed on time.

VIII. Old Business

Councilman Michael Fanning made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 10-08-12.001: Yard Trash Collection. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded and all were in favor.

Final reading of the ordinance will be held during the December council meeting.

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 10-08-12.002: Business License Ordinance. Councilman Milt Felder seconded and all were in favor.

A public hearing was held at 5:00pm on November 5, 2012. Final reading of the ordinance will be held during the December council meeting. Council will also hold a workshop in December to discuss the 2013-14 rate schedule for licenses.

IX. **New Business**

Chasity Avinger presented mayor and council with an agreement with the Municipal Association of South Carolina. The agreement adopts all changes to the state and federal law and will update the current business license ordinance. Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve amendments to the Business License Ordinance and to sign the agreement with MASC. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Avinger also gave a zoning update noting that all seats are now filled for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Training for all new members and returning members is statutorily required. New members have to do a six hour training session, while returning members have a three hour continuing training. Avinger noted multiple dates and times for training sessions and said it is critically important to take advantage of the upcoming training in Orangeburg, noting that the Zoning Ordinance will need updating in the upcoming months.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, December 10, 2012.

X. **Executive Session*****

Councilman Michael Fanning made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded. All were in favor, and they entered into executive session at 6:08pm.

Executive session ended at 6:19 pm. Councilman Fanning made a motion to authorize a contract with Chasity Avinger for services rendered at \$250.00 per week. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded the motion and all were in favor.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Winingham, Town Clerk