

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, November 4, 2013**

**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 5:30pm.

**II. Opening Prayer**

Councilman Barbara Butler provided the invocation.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 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**

Mayor Stickles turned the floor over to Ellore resident, Claudette Pauling. She spoke regarding the newspaper articles from last month's meeting. She also stated that was arrested during a previous election and just wanted to clarify which election that was when it happened.

**V. Water Commission Report**

The mayor and council reviewed the monthly report for the Ellore Water System, along with the minutes of the October water commission meeting.

There were 82 work orders in September and 651 water customers billed. Water loss was at 24% for the month. Water loss was partially explained due to multiple

water leaks and also the flushing of hydrants due to the extension of water lines on Tee Vee Road. Councilman Void noted some complaints in the odor of the water in his district and was told that the water department will follow up to check and make sure everything is working properly. The water and wastewater facilities were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

#### **VI. Police Report**

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

- Reportable and non-reportable incidents:
- **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
- **3 Requests for assistance by other agencies**
- **5 Uniform Traffic Tickets**
- **2 Tickets Issued for Operating without a Business License**

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

- **Total Fines Collected:** \$1000.00
- **Remitted to State Treasurer:** \$527.12
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund:** \$54.09
- **Revenue Retained by Town:** \*\$418.79 (Placed in Savings)

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

Council reviewed the October 2013 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Chasity Avinger delivered the clerk report. She thanked Lake Marion High School for help with the parking at Trunk or Treat. Councilman Void noted that in future times, there needs to be set rules and prevention of cars from moving around the trail after 5:30pm. Mayor Stickles stressed the need for more participants to come and set up due to the growing number of children each year.

Dates for next year were presented to council. Also, the "Save the Date" calendar for the 2014 events was presented. Ellore Business Association noted that they will submit their event dates next week.

**VIII. Old Business**

No old business.

**IX. New Business**

Mayor Stickles discussed the proposed agreement sent by Lower Savannah Council of Government regarding the Comprehension Plan and Zoning Ordinance update, scheduled for 2014. The contract came in at \$4,500.00, with \$2,250 to be paid upon execution of the agreement and the other \$2,250 to be paid upon the completion and delivery of related materials.

Mayor Stickles also reminded everyone that Tuesday is Election Day and that the polls would be open from 7am-7pm at the Town Hall. He reminded people that the school board election would be held at Elloree Elementary School.

Mayor Stickles noted that he will be putting up Christmas wreaths on November 25<sup>th</sup> and noted the possibility of putting LED lights on the wreaths this year. SCE&G will assist in hanging the four big wreaths at the stop light on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Barbara Butler discussed her decision to serve on the school board instead of on town council. She has served for four terms for District One. She thanked the town for their support and pledged to continue to serve the town. Councilman Void thanked her for serving as a model for service. Mayor said, "I will regretfully accept your decision." He also noted that the Election Commission has been contacted regarding the date of a special election, but it has not yet been decided. Councilman Fanning thanked Butler for her time and ethical service. Butler is also being recognized by SCB&T on November 5<sup>th</sup> for her 30 years of service to the bank.

Mayor Stickles discussed the importance of proper decorum during meetings and of not speaking inappropriately during meetings.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, December 9, 2013 at 5:30pm.

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

**XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Void made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Butler. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sanders, Town Clerk