

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, November 10, 2014

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

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Busch called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Councilman Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from the October 13, 2014 Council Meeting, as written. Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2014 Council Meeting, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Mayor Busch recognized Ms. Sally Joe Coulliette, a member of the Pythian Sisters and a resident of Santee, SC 29142. Ms. Sally Joe was the overseer of our Trunk or Treats festival for 2014. Ms. Sally thanked the Town of Elloree, the Mayor, Robin Newton, Mathew Gosnell, and Jennifer Stevenson for the time and effort they put into the festival. She also gave thanks to Councilman Harold Void and the group he put together to help with the parking for the event. Ms. Sally stated that the festival attendance was around 500 to 600 hundred however, this number was somewhat on the low side due to other events going on in the area.

There were about 15 tents or trunks that participated in the event and they all were wonderfully decorated. Ms. Sally recognized Elloree Auto Parts for their haunted house and the terrific job they did trying to scare everyone. She also recognized Robin Newton for contacting Wal-Mart and getting 400 buckets and bags to give to the kids. Ms. Caroline at Wal-Mart gave us a very generous price for the buckets and bags, which is always a big blessing. The Pythian Sisters were pleased that the festival was a success and that a safe environment for the children and the seniors of Elloree was preserved.

Mayor Busch recognized Ms. Linda Childers, of the Business Association and a resident of Elloree, SC 29047. Ms. Linda is overseeing our upcoming Small Town Christmas event. The Elloree Tree and Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be November 20, 2014, at 6:00 pm. Ms. Linda is asking that all the business have their decorations done by the 20th if possible. However, she asked that you please not turn your lights on until the night of the ceremony. Also, If possible there will be some Carolers singing or Christmas music playing for the event to help get everyone in the spirit of Christmas.

December 13, is the day of our Small Town Christmas. The day will begin with breakfast with Santa at the First Baptist Church. Santa (Robert Collier) will then be at the Museum (on the porch of the cabin) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. During that time the children may visit and get their pictures made with Santa. Ms. Linda stated that all proceeds from the sales of the pictures will be donated to Lake Marion Comprehensive High School's Band the Marching Gators. The donation will be made from the Business Association.

The Elloree Christmas Parade will be December 13, at 6:00 p.m. this is a night time parade so everyone is asked to please put lights on their entrees. In case of rain, the parade will be postpone until December 14, at 6:00 p.m.. Immediately after the parade, refreshments will be served at Joe Miller Park.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System. There were 113 work orders in October and 647 water customers billed. Water loss was at 3% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The next Elloree Water Commission will hold its next meeting on November 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Chief Avinger advised that he would be unable to present October's Report for the Council Meeting due to a family emergency. He will present October's and November's council report at the Council Meeting in December.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Ms. Robin Newton presented the monthly clerk/treasurer report. We are still in the transition stages of converting our accounting system form Nicholson Business System over to Brodie, Summers and Wilkes and there are areas that we still have to tweak. Council reviewed the October 2014 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue & Expenditures reports for the month. Councilman Mike Fanning moved to accept the financial reports. Council

Member Mitt Felder seconded the motion and all voted to accept. Ms. Robin also advised council that Mathew Gosnell who was with our Streets and Parks division is no longer with the Town of Elloree. Ms. Robin also advised that Town Hall would be closed November 10, 2014 in observance of Veterans Day and Town Hall will also be closed November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch gave an update on the Carson Trucking Company. He has been by the new site and they are just about ready to move into their new building. Mayor Busch stated that as soon as they finish installing the electricity they would be moving the gas tanks from Hampton Street and should have most of their equipment moved in by the end of the month.

IX. New Business

The next regular Town Council meeting is Monday, December 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that the Council go into Executive Session. Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion, Councilman Kim Gidron seconded the motion and all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. and Councilman Kim Gidron seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to accept Stanley Steemer's bid of \$3636.75 to put down the carpet in Town Hall, Councilman Kim Gidron second the motion, all voted in favor.

Councilman Mike Fanning made a motion to review the cost of having a landscaping company take over some of the grass cutting throughout the town versus, hiring a fulltime maintenance person in our streets and parks department. Councilman Mitt Felder second the all voted in favor.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Kim Gidron seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk