

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, October 05, 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 Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Jimmy Fogle made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009 meeting as written. Councilman Barbara Butler seconded. All were in favor.

IV. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

The Mayor introduced Dorothy Greene as the Town's newest member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. She was appointed by Councilman Harold Void of District 2. Other members include Najiiyah Bey of Council District 1 (Butler), Anne Felder of Council District 3 (Fogle), Robert "Edgie" Ketcherside of Council District 4 (Fanning), and Chip Davis (at-large member appointed by Mayor Stickles).

The Mayor also introduced the newest members of the Town's Planning Commission. Charles Haley was appointed by Councilman Barbara Butler of Council District 1, and Andrew Friedman was appointed by Councilman Mike Fanning of Council District 4.

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.

V. Water Commission Report

Ellore Water System General Manager Larry McDowell was unable to be present at the meeting, but the Mayor and Council were provided with monthly reports from September and the minutes of the September 8 Water System meeting.

Ellore Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 6:00pm at the Ellore Water System.

VI. Police Report

Officer Shawn Murphree delivered the monthly report for the Ellore Police Department, reporting the following information for action taken:

- **16 Calls for service**
- **3 Arrests**
- **65 Uniform traffic tickets**
- **2 Arrests for Shoplifting**
- **1 Arrest for Open Container of Liquor**
- **5 Alarms**
- **3 Assists to Other Agencies**

Officer Murphree noted that trick or treating hours will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2009. Trunk or Treat will also be held during those hours at Joe Miller Park for children ages 12 and under. Participating organizations include the Ellore Police Department, the Pythian Sisters of Ellore Temple No. 4, the Ellore Water System, the Ellore Lions Club, the Ellore Heritage Museum, and the Ellore Fire Department. Participating businesses include Ellore Auto Parts, South Carolina Bank & Trust, and the Food Lion Distribution Center.

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

- **Total Fines Collected: \$5267.16**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2812.47**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$314.58**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \$2140.11**

The Clerk also presented the Police Fines breakdown for the third quarter of 2009, showing the following totals for July, August, and September 2009:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$16,389.46**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$8,860.63**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$975.32**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \$6,553.51**

The \$2,263.70 retained by the Town in July and the \$2,149.70 retained by the Town in August were previously deposited into the Town Savings account. The Clerk recommended that the \$2,140.11 retained by the Town for the month of September also be deposited into the Savings account.

Councilman Fanning made a motion to approve the Clerk's request to deposit the September police fines revenue into the Savings account and was seconded by Councilman Butler. All were in favor.

Clerk Canaday noted that the deposit will bring the total in the Savings account to \$11,797.58.

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 September 2009 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Canaday updated the Mayor and Council regarding required training for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Canaday, who is serving as the Zoning Administrator, and the five members of the Board of Zoning Appeals all attended the six hours of required training on September 29, 2009 in Neeses.

The Clerk updated the Mayor and Council regarding Fall Fest, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 10 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. She provided a detailed schedule of events to each of them, showing events sponsored by the Town, Police Department, civic groups, and businesses.

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 Fogle made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Butler 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.

The third and final reading will be held during the November Town Council meeting, scheduled for November 2, 2009 at 5:30pm. The amendment will go into effect in November 2009, if approved.

IX. New Business

There was no new business.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Fogle seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Mayor Van Stickles adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity D. Canaday, Town Clerk