

## **Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, October 7, 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 Harold Void provided the invocation.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 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 to discuss the upcoming municipal election on November 5. She provided the mayor and council with copies of a letter that she received from the State Ethics Commission in response to a letter that she sent to them regarding the election and campaign practices. She asked Councilman Barbara Butler to read the letter aloud but council declined, in the interest of time.

**V. Water Commission Report**

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

There were 72 work orders in September and 647 water customers billed. There were multiple meters that were broken, but have been repaired. Water loss was 21% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Elloree Water Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

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

A report for September was presented at the meeting by the mayor, with the following information for action taken:

- **1 Arrest for Shoplifting**
- **1 Arrest for Open Container**
  
- Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:
  - **4 calls to assist SCB&T**
  - **2 Requests for assistance by other agencies**
  - **14 Uniform Traffic Tickets**
  - **4 Tickets Issued for Operating without a Business License**

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

- **Total Fines Collected: \$1229.50**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$655.06**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$89.42**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: \*\$485.02 (Placed in Savings)**

Councilman Michael Fanning noted that several municipalities were in the news recently for failing to appropriately remit their police fines to the state and applauded the current administration for insuring that the police department and the municipal court remain in compliance with all state regulations regarding court fines and operations.

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

Council reviewed the September 2013 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. The mayor noted several large line items and explained that they were due to the CDBG grant proceeds and expenditures for the water system.

Mayor Stickles noted that Trunk or Treat will be held at Joe Miller Park on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. He asked that all individuals and civic groups interested in participating contact the Town Hall to sign up.

He noted that the 2012-13 audit is on schedule and that all required documents have been forwarded to the auditor. The audit is scheduled to be completed on November 30.

He thanked Cole Dantzler from the EWS and Danielle Sanders from Town Hall along with Chasity Avinger, Caitlin Felkel, and Melanie Bookhart of Avinger Law Firm for their assistance in preparing and sending the recent fliers in town regarding the upcoming events and elections.

#### **VIII. Old Business**

Council reviewed the annexation of a portion of Barbara Butler's property on Harlin Street. Councilman Butler abstained from the discussion and voting as her property was the property in question. Councilman Void made a motion to accept the annexation of Barbara Butler's property by second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Milt Felder. All were in favor.

#### **IX. New Business**

The mayor reminded everyone that the Ellore Business Association will be holding their Arts and Antiques Festival on Saturday, October 12, 2013 on downtown Cleveland Street.

The mayor also noted that he and council met with a representative of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments regarding assistance with the town's scheduled rezoning in 2014. LSCOG will be forwarding a bid to the town for the project within the near future.

The mayor again reminded citizens that the municipal election will be held on November 5. Municipal voting will take place at the Town Hall from 7:00am-7:00pm while other local elections will be held at Ellore Elementary-Middle School.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, November 4, 2013 at 5:30pm.

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

#### **XI. Adjournment**

Councilman Felder 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