

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, September 12, 2011

Present: Van Stickles, Mayor
Barbara Butler, Council Member
Michael G. Fanning, Council Member
Chasity Sanders Avinger, 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 Michael Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2011 council meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor.

IV. Water Commission Report

Systems Manager Cole Dantzler delivered the council report for the Water System and provided the Mayor and Council with monthly reports from the month of August.

The Water System completed 68 work orders and billed 645 water customers during the month of August. They also billed 324 garbage customers on behalf of the Town. Estimated water loss was 23 %, up from 13 % in July. This was largely due to a leak that occurred on Midway Road.

The Water System received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$484,590 that will enable the extension of water lines down Tee Vee Road outside of the town limits.

All water and wastewaters facilities are in compliance with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Mayor Stickles requested a copy of the Elloree Water System's annual fiscal report for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 showing revenues and expenditures.

Elloree Water Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

V. Special Guest OR Public Request or Comment

There were no special guests or public comments.

VI. Police Report

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

- **1 Arrest for Wanted Juvenile (Returned to Ohio)**
- **1 Arrest for Violation of Probation**
- **1 Arrest for Malicious Injury to Personal Property and Disorderly Conduct**

Other reportable and non-reportable incidents:

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

Clerk Chasity Avinger presented the Police Fines Report for the month of July, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$2423.76**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1260.62**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$104.42**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$1058.72**

*Retained amount to be placed in Savings.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

The Clerk presented the August 2011 financial reports for the Town, with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month.

Clerk Avinger noted that Trash to Treasures was held on September 10, 2011 and was a great success. The event is held each spring and fall, and it includes both a town-wide yardsale and downtown sidewalk sales.

Cooking on Cleveland will be held on Friday, October 7 and is open to all businesses, individuals, churches, and civic groups. Fall Fest will be held on October 8. Vendor spaces will be available, and there will be entertainment throughout the day.

Trunk or Treat will be held from 6:00pm-8:00pm on October 31, 2011 at Joe Miller Park. Trunk or Treat is co-sponsored by the Pythian Sisters of Ellore Temple No. 4 and the Ellore Police Department.

Clerk Avinger announced plans to hold a Commerce Forum to plan events for next year on September 13, 2011 at 5:00pm at the Town Hall.

Clerk Avinger noted that the town has an election scheduled for November 8. Town Council District 2, currently held by Councilman Harold Void, is up for reelection, and Councilman Void is the sole filer for that position. Town Council District 3, formerly held by Jimmy Fogle, is open, and Milt Felder is the sole filer for that seat. Water Commissioner Jerry Fogle's seat is open for reelection, and he is the sole filer for that position, as well.

The Clerk informed Town Council that the town has received funds in the amount of \$3,000 from the Accommodations Tax Board for the continued placement of billboards on Interstate 95. Mayor Stickles applauded assistant clerk Margo Banks for the excellent presentation that she developed and delivered to the Board.

Clerk Avinger also presented the 2012 Town Council Meeting Schedule, 2012 Municipal Court schedule, and 2012 Holiday Schedule.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stickles read a proclamation recognizing September 17, 2011 as Constitution Day in the Town of Ellore. He noted that a copy of the proclamation will be sent to Nell Irick, who has consistently encouraged the Town to recognize that holiday.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2011.

X. Executive Session***

There was no executive session.

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Councilman Fanning and the meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chasity Sanders Avinger, Town Clerk/Treasurer