

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, September 9, 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 Michael Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Barbara Butler made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 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 said she came to request a public hearing for the November election campaign. She asked what kind of permission she needs to campaign in town. Ms. Pauling explained that she was arrested a few years prior while campaigning on Election Day. Mayor Stickles asked what Ms. Pauling wanted to do that would bring her within limits of being arrested. She plans to pass out fliers and discuss candidates around town.

V. Water Commission Report

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System, along with the minutes of the August water commission meeting.

There were 87 work orders in August and 644 water customers billed. There were multiple meters that were broken, but have been repaired. Water loss was 7% 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, September 10, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Elloree Water System building.

VI. Police Report

A report for August was presented at the meeting by Officer Shawn Murphree, with the following information for action taken:

- **1 Arrest for Shoplifting**
- **1 Arrest for Simple Possession of Marijuana**
- **3 Arrests for Wanted Persons from Other Jurisdictions**

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

Councilman Void asked about an area where an individual caused some damage by spinning wheels. Officer Shirer saw this damage and has contacted DOT about fixing the sign.

Mayor Stickles presented the Police Fines Report for the month of August, showing the following totals:

- **Total Fines Collected: \$5203.38**
- **Remitted to State Treasurer: \$3269.33**
- **Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$357.52**
- **Revenue Retained by Town: *\$1576.53 (Placed in Savings)**

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Town Clerk Danielle Sanders referred Council members to the August 2013 financial reports for the Town in their binders, along with copies of the Revenue and Expense reports from that month. Sanders noted one large expense that showed on financial statements. One vendor was out with health problems, and turned in bills for the past six months.

Sanders updated Mayor and Council on "Trash to Treasures," which was held Saturday, September 7, 2013. She noted the number of vendors, yard sales, and the Ellore Methodist Church's large crowd. She noted the crowds of visitors and added that effective use of social media seems to be bringing more people into town.

VIII. Old Business

No old business.

IX. New Business

Zoning Administrator Chasity Avinger gave an update for two annexations of property in town. Avinger said that under the advice of the Planning Commission, she was asking for council's consideration on these properties. Councilman Butler abstained from the discussion and voting as her property was the first to bring forward for review. Councilman Void made a motion to accept the annexation of Barbara Butler's property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Felder. All were in favor. Councilman Fanning thanked members of the planning commission for participating in their meetings and for being able to form a quorum to be able to vote on matters.

Avinger recommended a motion to table the second annexation until next month's meeting. A personal representative has not been assigned to the estate that owns the store property. Councilman Fanning made a motion to table this annexation until the October meeting and was seconded by Void. All were in favor.

Stickles thanked Avinger and the Planning Commission for their hard work.

Councilman Fanning gave an update on the Accommodations Tax. He noted that he and Clerk Sanders went and presented at the end of August. They provided the county with some follow up information. The latest update said that council will meet on Monday and they will send us a decision at that time.

Clerk Sanders noted that the old "Backstreet Bar and Grill" has been bought and is planned to be opened within the next two months. The restaurant has been leased out to the owners of Chef's Choice out of Eutawville. Mayor Stickles noted how good it will be to gain another business in town.

The next Town Council meeting is Monday, October 7, 2013 at 5:30pm.

X. Executive Session***

XI. Adjournment

Councilman Hamilton Felder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Barbara Butler. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Sanders, Town Clerk