

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2016**

Present: Stan Busch, Mayor
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member

Robin Martin, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stan Busch called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Stan Busch provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from March 14, 2016, Council Meeting, March 23, 2016, Special Council Meeting and April 1, 2016, Special Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016, March 23, 2016, and April 1, 2016, Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harold Void, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

There was no special guest for this meeting.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 55 work orders in March and 654 water customers billed. Water loss was at 20% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on April 12, 2016, at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Officer Buist Smith presented the Police Report for March 2016. During the month, the police department responded to (16) calls for a request for service and arrested (8) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

A. Incidents that were solved or closed by arrest are as follows;

- (1) Arrest for Driving with Open Container,
- (1) arrest for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for Transportation of Liquor with Broken Seal,

- (1) arrest for Malicious Injury to Personal Property,
- (2) arrest for passing fraudulent / counterfeit checks at the IGA,
- (1) arrest for Criminal Domestic Violence.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Report of property damage at Fogle / Hungerpillar Funeral Home after a commercial vehicle hit a phone line.
- (1) funeral escort for Fogle / Hungerpillar Funeral Home,
- (1) break-in at Car Quest Auto Parts where thirty dollars in quarters was stolen,
- (1) burglary in progress where the resident reported that an individual had broken into the home at night and was inside with the resident. Officer Duckson immediately responded to the incident location and after further investigation it was determined that the call was unfounded,
- (1) shots fired call in the area of Wolfe Street but Officer Duckson was unable to respond because while in route his 2005 Ford Crown Victoria has a severe mechanical failure. The engines throttle body failed due to excessive age and wear. It has since been repaired after two days out of service. Officer Duckson utilized Chief Avinger's vehicle while the disable vehicle was being repaired and Chief Avinger utilized his personally owned vehicle during this time,
- (2) False alarm calls....both commercial, and
- (3) assisting other agencies upon request.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued

The Police Department conducted (2) Safety Check Points and issued (28) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offenses not related to traffic.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Ms. Robin Martin presented the monthly clerk/treasurer report. The Police Fines Report for the month of March, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$6,278.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2,944.58
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$635.73
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$2,697.69 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for March 2016 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. Council Member Harold Void moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin informed the Mayor and Council that she would be setting up the Workshop for the 2016/2017 Budget soon. If there is a time that anyone would not be available to attend please let her know so she could work around everyone schedules.

Ms. Robin also informed the Mayor and Council that there has been interviews set up with the applicants that applied for the Clerk of Court and Town Clerk Assistance jobs. So maybe these positions will be filled soon.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on the construction that has now started on the addition to Elloree Town Hall. Mr. Robert Lund with Val Mor Construction has placed bids on this project as well as a few others. Mayor Stan Busch asked Council to look over the first three bids in their binders and make a new motion to accept the bids because of the changes that had been made. The other four bids that are in your binders are the new bids that Mr. Lund was asked to complete (A copy of each bid is attached).

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to accept the bid for \$34,740.00 for work to be done on the addition to Elloree Town Hall. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to accept the bid for \$1,530.00 for work to be done on the Shelter located at Joe Miller Park. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to accept the bid for \$2,680.00 for work to be done on the Gazebo located at Joe Miller Park. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to accept the bid for \$13,140.00 for the replacement of the windows in Elloree Town Hall. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to accept the bid for \$1,172.00 for the replacement of the rear steel door on Elloree Town Hall. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to accept the bid for \$2,965.00 for work to be done on the park benches located at Joe Miller Park. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to accept the bid for \$730.00 for work to be done on the roof over the front office of Ellore Town Hall. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch spoke with council concerning a project wish list for the upcoming CPST IV. Each Council Member was asked to take a look throughout the Town of Ellore and write down things that they wish to be added to the wish list and return it to the mayor by Thursday, April 14, 2016.

Mayor Stan Busch spoke with council concerning the purchasing of property located in Ellore. The Mayor feels that this would be a good opportunity for the town. However, the council still feels that this matter should be tabled until all members are presents. Council Member Harold Void made a motion to table this matter until the next Council Meeting. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all Council Members were in favor.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch asked council to look over the punch list / bid solicitation for the Gym located at Joe Miller Park. If there is anything that needs to be added to the list please contact the Robin the Town Clerk so it can add before the bid runs in the paper.

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on the 2014/2015 audit. Tripp Wingard with Murdaugh & Associates, of Orangeburg is handling the audit for the Town of Ellore and feels that the audit should be completed by the next Town Council Meeting.

The next Town Council Meeting will be May 9, 2016, at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

X. Executive Session

There was no executive session during this meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Martin,
Town Clerk