

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, August 10, 2015

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

Robin Newton, 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 the July 13, 2015 Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Milt Felder, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

There were no special guests for this council meeting.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 97 work orders in July and 645 water customers billed. Water loss was at 18% 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 August 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Cole also informed Council that Ms. Angela Polite is no longer with the Water Department due to personal matters. She asked everyone to please keep Ms. Angela and her family in your prayers. Ms. Cole has been able to replace Ms. Angela with Ms. Beth Joynes, a residence of Ellore. We all would like to welcome Ms. Beth to our work force.

VI. Police Report

Chief Preston Avinger presented the Police Report for July 2015.

During the month the police department responded to (22) calls for request for service and arrested (9) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) Arrest for open container of alcohol at the Chinese Restaurant,
- (2) arrest for driving under suspension,
- (1) arrest for possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and unlawful possession of a stolen handgun,
- (1) arrest for criminal domestic violence,
- (1) arrest for operation of an unregistered motor vehicle,
- (1) arrest of a subject at the Shell Station parking lot who was wanted by OCSC,
- (1) arrest for driving with open container, and
- (1) arrest for operating a business without a town business license.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Domestic that was verbal only,
- (2) calls to assist with elderly subject who had fallen,
- (1) assist to reunite a disoriented Alzheimer's patient with her family and contacted DSS for follow up with the caretaker,
- (1) malicious injury to personal property,
- (1) vehicle chase where the subject totaled the vehicle and then fled on foot into a wooded area at the end of Sunset Street. Subject was identified and warrants issued,
- (1) larceny of an air conditioning unit,
- (1) larceny of a utility trailer,
- (6) false alarm calls...4 residential and 2 commercial,
- (2) request for assistance by the OCSO to include an incident were multiple people had been shot just outside the town limits, and
- (5) traffic safety check points were conducted.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (62) traffic stops and issued (55) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offences not related to traffic.

3. Special Events

The police department conducted the fireworks display for the town's 4th of July celebration.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$1838.88
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$812.53
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$139.25
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$887.10 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for July 2015 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. Council Member Mike Fanning moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin also wanted to remind everyone that our upcoming Trash to Treasurers is coming up this Saturday, August 15, 2015. We all ready have several vendors signed up, however, there are still some spaces left. If anyone is interested in participating please contact me at Ellore Town Hall 803-897-2821.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch informed Council that the audit is almost done and we should have a report soon.

Matthew Newton has resigned from our Streets & Parks as of July 24, 2015. Matthew will be going back to school soon an can no longer work the hours needed. He did a good job for the town and he will be missed.

Mayor Busch along with Council Member Harold Void and Kim Gidron gave an update on the Annual MASC Meeting they attended in July. All felt that the meeting was a great opportunity to network with other mayors and council members from all over the state. The MASC had a lot of good programs set up throughout the meeting that gave everyone a chance to learn how other towns have made changes in the pass and some changes that are in the near future to improved their town. Council Member Harold Void and Kim Gidron both thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Mayor Busch gave an update on the Worker's Comp. Claim that the town had with Mr. Jeffery Corbell. This claim has been settle and Mr. Corbell is no longer with the town.

Mayor Busch informed council of the asbestos test that was conducted on the gym located in JMP. The test results show that there is a small amount of asbestos in the gym kitchen area. However, Council Ravenell of Orangeburg has informed the mayor that he is looking into the matter and will have an update for the mayor at a later date.

Mayor Busch informed council that the purchase of the building next door to Town Hall has been completed. Busch asked that a motion be made for a general contractor to be hired to come and make a punch list for all the public buildings in Ellore that are in need of repairs.

Mayor Busch gave a update on the fountain that will be coming to JMP. The foundation for the fountain has been poured and we are waiting on the fountain to be delivered.

IX. New Business

Mayor Busch asked for a motion on the final reading of the 2015-2016 budget. Council Member Harold Void made the motion, Council Member Mike Fanning second the motion, all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Mayor Busch spoke about the new Streets and Parks worker, Jonathan Fields, that is now working with Chris Finch. They are doing a good job keeping the town looking good.

Mayor Busch informed council that on August 7, 2015 Mr. Chris Antley, who was raised here in Ellore and trained at the Ellore Training Center with Mr. Gordy Smith, was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and the Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, New York. Mr. Antley won the Kentucky Derby twice along with 4378 other races. His total Purse Earnings was \$92.2 million which helped him make a name for himself and Ellore. Mr. Smith along with Shelley Antley (Chris's mother) and other friends and family attended the induction ceremony in New York. Mr. Smith approached the mayor a few days before the event and asked what could the Town of Ellore do to help recognize Mr. Antley. There were four signs placed at the entrances of town and August 7, 2015 was proclaimed Chris Antley day. Mr. Antley passed away in 2000. Everyone should be proud that he was a native of Ellore.

Mayor Busch spoke with Council concerning a trip he would like to take to the town of Bluffton on August 24, 2015 and he would like for council to attend. Bluffton is an area much like Ellore, however, after much renovations the town has grown into one of the nicest places to see in and around Hilton Head Island.

Mayor Busch has made plans with their Mayor and Council, in Bluffton, to meet and discuss how they made their town such a success.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion that the Mayor and Town Clerk hire a licensed commercial contractor to evaluate the buildings and properties of the town and developed a punch list that can be put out for open bids. Council Member Harold Void second the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Mike Fanning spoke about the survey that DPU presented to the citizens of Elloreë a few months back concerning the possibility of running Natural Gas to Elloreë. As DPU and the Orangeburg City Council explores if this opportunity is feasible, a Resolution of Understanding from the Town of Elloreë to the City of Orangeburg would show that Elloreë is interested in exploring this opportunity as well. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to have the letter of Resolution of Understanding from the Town of Elloreë typed up by the clerk, Ms. Robin Newton, on 8-11-2015 and sent to DPU City of Orangeburg. Council Member Harold Void second the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Mike Fanning spoke about the One Penny Sales Tax that is available to the Town of Elloreë. Some of the monies available needs to be utilized to up keep things like the Picnic Shelter at JMP, the Gazebo, Restrooms, etc... Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Mayor take care of some of these items, Council Member Milt Felder second the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion that the town follow up with Ms. Sara Ann Paler a long time resident of Elloreë and a person that has always helped out with JMP, and many other areas in Elloreë. She has volunteered to serve on the Park Committee. Council Member Mike Fanning nominated her for the committee, Council Member Kim Gidron second the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Mike Fanning took a few minutes to recognize a few people that work or volunteer for the Town of Elloreë. Council Member Mike Fanning, in a 36 hour span, witnessed the Streets and Parker workers cleaning grass and weeds from the down town area. Over at JMP Ms. Daisy Pauling faithfully cleans the restrooms and helps keep the park in working order for the many different events that take place there. Elloreë's First Responders along with the Elloreë Police Department and the Elloreë Fire Department assisted the OCSO with a triple shooting outside of town. The Police Department was first on the scene helping the victims and gathering information. Council Member Mike Fanning also spoke with management of the IGA and they are very appreciative of the Police Department's handling of a couple of men who have been harassing customers. In Town Hall Ms. Robin worked diligently on the budget worksheets preparing for the upcoming meeting. Council Member Mike Fanning wanted to thank everyone who

goes above and beyond the call of duty to make Elloree the great town it is. The workers and volunteer's of Elloree are all doing a great job and we need to show them just how much they are appreciated.

Ms. Willa Mae Thompsons, along with two other ladies, who are senior citizens of Elloree, address Mayor and Council concerning the need for a building here in Elloree that could be use for recreational purposes, like Bingo and other events for the senior citizens of Elloree. Mayor Busch informed them that the Town has plans to utilizes the Depot for a Community Building once the renovations are complete. Once this is done they are more than welcome to use the facilities.

The next Town Council Meeting will be September 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

X. Executive Session

There was no executive session held.

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 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk