

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2015**

Present: Stan Busch, Mayor
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Mike Fanning, 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 November 9, 2015, Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2015, Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim Gidron, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Mayor Stan Busch recognized Mr. Robt Lund a Commercial Contractor/Home Builder with Val Mor INC. from Rosedale Maryland. Mr. Lund addresses the Mayor and Council with a proposal for an Apartment Complex in Ellore for homeless Veterans. The funding for this project would come from the Federal Government and there would be no cost to the Town of Ellore. After a brief discussion, Council asked Mr. Lund to gather more information and return at a later date to discuss this.

Mayor Stan Busch recognized Ms. Linda Childers from the Ellore Business Association. Ms. Childers gave an update on the Small Town Christmas and Parade that was held in Ellore on December 12, 2015. She stated that this was one of the best parades that Ellore has had, there were 26 plus units in the parade and each group had really put forth a big effort to make their floats bigger and better than ever. Ms. Childers gave a list of the winners from each category from this year's parade: Emergency Vehicle went to Providence Fire Department, Core Group went to Lake Marion Jr. ROTC, Golf Cart went to Small Food Lion, Professional Division went to the Pythian Sisters, Amateur Float went to the Ellore Garden Club, Religious Category went to Trinity Lutheran Church, Large Commercial Division went to Carson Trucking who was honoring Ryan Carson, Small Commercial Division went to Spires Heating & Air, Equine Division went to Al Player riding Biggins, Best over all went to Santa's Workshop, and the Presidential Division went to The Veteran's Group.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System. There were 59 work orders in November and 656 water customers billed. Water loss was at 26% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Ms. Cole recognized the newest member to the Water Department staff Ms. Sheena DeBose.

The Elloree Water Commission will hold its next meeting on November 15, 2015, at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Asst. Chief Lin Shirer presented the Police Report for November 2015. During the month, the police department responded to (14) calls for a request for service and arrested (22) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) Arrest for Littering,
- (2) arrest for Poss. of Marijuana,
- (6) arrest for Driving with Open Container,
- (6) arrest for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for Driving Under the Influence,
- (1) arrest for Disorderly Conduct,
- (2) arrests for Shoplifting, and
- (3) arrests for subjects who were listed as "WANTED" from other jurisdictions.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Malicious Injury to Personal Property,
- (5) False alarm calls...(2) commercial and (3) residential, and
- (4) assisting other agencies upon request.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (6) Safety Check Points and issued (40) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offenses not related to traffic.

3. Request for in car NCIC services.

Asst. Chief Lin Shirer contacted the America Law Enforcement Network about a software solution program that would give the Police Department access to an information database right from their car. As of this time, the Police Department has to go through Orangeburg County Sheriff Office to get the same information. With the equipment that is now installed in the Police cars the software is the only update that would be needed. The cost for the software is \$30.00 per car per month.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$1825.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$821.22
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$233.10
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$770.68 (Placed in Savings)

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

Ms. Robin informed the Mayor and Council that the new schedules for 2016 were in their binders and there were copies on the table if anyone would like a copy.

Ms. Robin also reminded Mayor and Council that the annual Christmas Dinner for Town Officials and employees will be held Saturday, December 19, 2015, at Captains Quarters in Santee from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and we hope that everyone can attend.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Stan Busch recognized Mr. Chris Carver as the new Zoning Administrator for Ellore. He asked Ms. Robin to step forward and swear in Mr. Chris. We all would like to welcome him and we look forward to having you on board with the Town.

Mr. Chris asked the Mayor and Council to look over the list of committee members that he put together, Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the list, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch informed Council that there has not been any response to the Bid Solicitation for the repairs in town. Council Member Mike Fanning suggested that the town run the ad again and see if there is any response.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch spoke with Council concerning the need to update the employee handbook. Mayor Busch has spoke with an attorney that stated to him that he could update the handbook for a fee. Council Member Mike Fanning suggested that the Mayor and Council look over the handbook if there was a problem because the town does not need to spend money on an update if there was not a problem. Council Member Milt Felder and Harold Void agreed with Council Member Mike Fanning.

Mayor Stan Busch spoke concerning the trees on Cleveland Street. There are several trees that are in need of replacing because they have a disease and are dying. Council would like for the Mayor to gather more information on this project and then they can revisit this project at a later date.

The next Town 'Council Meeting will be January 11, 2016, at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Busch requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters. SC State Code Authorizing Executive Session (Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70-(a) (3)) Discussion Regarding the Development of Security Personal or Devices. Council Member Harold Void made a motion, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion, all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. and Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town of Ellore to apply TIF monies to a loan at South State Bank. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town of Ellore to issues Christmas Bonuses for Town Employees. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town to subscribe to NCIC Services for 6 months and the cost of the services would be taken out of the savings account. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were in favor.

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 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Martin,
Town Clerk