

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016**

Present: Stan Busch, Mayor
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Mike Fanning, 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 January 11, 2016, Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2016, 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 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 50 work orders in January and 654 water customers billed. Water loss was at 24% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Ms. Cole informed everyone that the issues with the sewer system last week was due to the amount of rainfall that accrued in a 24 hour period. However, everything seems to be back to normal now.

The Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on February 9, 2016, at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Officer Dwayne Duckson presented the Police Report for January 2016. During the month, the police department responded to (16) calls for a request for service and arrested (14) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (2) Arrest for Poss. of Marijuana,

- (3) arrest for Driving with Open Container,
- (4) arrest for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for, Poss. of Beer/Wine Under Age,
- (1) arrest for Assault and Battery, and,
- (3) arrest for subjects who were listed as "WANTED" from other jurisdictions.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Damage to rental property (warrant is pending),
- (3) False alarm calls....all commercial,
- (5) assisting other agencies upon request.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued

The Police Department conducted (1) Safety Check Points and issued (24) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offenses not related to traffic.

3. Training

On January 28th and 29th, Chief Avinger attended a course in conducting background investigations at the Myrtle Beach Police Department.

4. Other News

Mayor Stan Busch announced that the Ellore Police Department has hired Mr. Buist M. Smith from Swansea, South Carolina. Mr. Buist has been in law enforcement for 20 years and will be an asset to the town.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$2,800.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1,459.97
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$258.83
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1,081.20 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for January 2016 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 reminded the Mayor and Council to file the 2016 Statement of Economic Interests report before March 30, 2016. If anyone needed any help please contact her.

Ms. Robin spoke about the upcoming Trash to Treasure in Elloree on Saturday, March 5, 2016, starting at 8:00 am. Thanks to Chris Finch and Jonathan Fields with

our Streets and Parks Department for helping to prepare mailing for there were around one hundred invitations sent out and flyers put up all around town and the surrounding towns. The local radio and news papers will be running ads as well as TV channel 10 and channel 19 news. Ms. Robin also thanked Ms. Cole Dantzer, with the Ellore Water System, for adding the event to everyone's water bill.

Ms. Robin is asking everyone to please spread the word about this event, we need vendors as well as shoppers. This is an event that is held every year on the Historic Downtown Cleveland Street of Ellore, however, there are many sales neighborhood throughout town during the Town-Wide yard sale. For more information please visit our webpage at www.elloreesc.com or contact Ms. Robin at Town Hall via email (clerk@elloreesc.com) or phone 803-897-2821.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on the asbestos in the Gym located at Joe Miller Park. Mr. Clarence Good with M.A.C. Environmental, LLC started the removal process of the asbestos on February 8, 2016. The process was completed on the same day and now we can move on to the next part of the project.

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on the Bids for Work that is to be done in town. There was one seal bid on the work, however, the owner of the company passed away and now we will have to run the ad again and get new bids.

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on the VA project proposed by Mr. Robert Lund with Val Mor INC. Mr. Lund addressed Mayor and Council a few months ago with an idea to build a housing project for homeless Veterans in Ellore or near Ellore. However, there are still a lot of unanswered questions that have to be answered before moving forward. Mayor Busch will be contacting Mr. Lund in the next few weeks with some of the questions. Then Mr. Lund can come back in front of council with documentation to answer the questions.

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on the banners that the town is in the process of ordering. We have received the Free Liberty banners and now we are waiting for the hardware to arrive. The banners look great and will be a nice addition to the town.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch asked Ms. Robin to please come forward and swear in Councilman Harold Void for District 2 Council Seat and Councilman Milt Felder for District 3 Council Seat.

Mayor Stan Busch informed everyone that the Ellore Trails is coming up March 19, 2016. The banners for the trails will be going up soon and we hope to have a good turnout again this year.

Mr. Chris Carver, the Zoning Administrator informed everyone that the Planning Commission will be meeting every fourth Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The next meeting will be February 23, 2016.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town of Ellore to accept the resignation from Ms. Daisy Hart on the Planning Commission and to move Mr. Jack Lane from the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Planning Commission. Also to give the Mayor and Mr. Carver the okay to fill the open position on the Board of Zoning Appeals with someone from District 1. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Ms. Linda Childers with the Ellore Business Association informed everyone that there is no longer a business association. There was just not enough participation to be able to continue the association. However, the events that were sponsored by the business association will now be sponsored by the town. The former members of the business association have offered their help in any way and this is greatly appreciated. Council Member Harold Void pointed out how much help the business association has been in the past and they will be greatly missed.

The next Town Council Meeting will be March 14, 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 Milt Felder made a motion, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion, all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. and Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town of Ellore to accept the contract with DUP and adopted section 4-1012 Franchise Fee to the agreement with the percentage filled in by the Mayor and Clerk. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Mayor to hire a Clerk of Court for the Town of Ellore. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were in favor.

XI. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Martin,
Town Clerk