

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

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

Leslie Furtick, Clerk of Court

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stan Busch called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Council Member Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from June 13, 2016, Budget Workshop, minutes from June 13, 2016 Council Meeting and June 21, 2016 Special Council Meeting. Council Member Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of all three meetings as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Milt Felder, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Marty Murdaugh and Tripp Wingard from Murdaugh & associates, CPA were present to explain the 2015 Audit. Everyone was presented with a packet containing the Audit. Tripp Wingard explained each section to council. He stated that the only change to the Audit was in regards to the Pension Liability. This change was due to new regulations handed down by Federal and State Government. Tripp Wingard also stated that the Audit went very well and all looks really good. Mayor Stan Busch thanked Marty Murdaugh and Tripp Wingard for coming to the meeting to explain the Audit.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 89 work orders in June and 651 water customers billed. Water loss was at 25% 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 July 12, 2016, at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Officer Dwayne Duckson presented the Police Report for June 2016. During the month, the police department responded to (16) calls for a request for service and arrested (7) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (3) arrests for Driving under Suspension
- (1) arrest for 29 counts of Forgery
- (1) trespassing
- (1) arrest for Subject who was listed as "WANTED" from other jurisdiction
- (1) CDV
- (1) Malicious Injury to Personal Property

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following:

- (4) 911 hang-ups that were unfounded

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued

The Police Department conducted (1) Safety Check Points and issued (21) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offenses not related to traffic.

Officer Dwayne Duckson stated that the two new police cars have been ordered from Al Bilton Ford in Holly Hill.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Ms. Leslie Furtick presented the monthly clerk/treasurer report. The Police Fines Report for the month of June, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$3,127.55
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1,753.55
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$420.73
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$953.23 (Placed in Savings)

Ms. Leslie Furtick stated that the other financial reports will be submitted at the next meeting by Ms. Robin Martin.

Mayor Stan Busch read a thank you card received in regards to the July 4th Celebration in JMP.

Mayor Stan Busch reminded everyone that the Trash to Treasures will be held September 10, 2016.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Stan Busch asked to hear a motion on the 2nd Reading of the Town Ordinance for Thoughtless Operation (Section 6-41). Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to accept the 2nd reading of the New Town Ordinance and Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch asked to hear a motion on the 3rd Reading of the 2016/2017 Budget. Council Member Harold Void made motion to accept the 2016/2017 Budget and Milt Felder seconded the motion. All were in Favor.

Mayor Stan Busch updated council and guest on the DPU Contract. He stated the contract had been signed and returned to DPU. He also stated that it (Natural Gas) will be delivered along with the signed portion of the contract.

Mayor Stan Busch added that Orangeburg County Council Member Johnnie Ravenell wants an outdoor basketball court for the community to be able to use while the gym is being repaired. Council Member Mike Fanning suggested that by next council meeting a plan for the court be submitted for review. All council members and Mayor agreed. Basketball courts will be discussed at the next council meeting.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch stated that he had received two bids for the Town Hall repairs. At that time he asked Council to receive the bids in their binders. The bids were from Fred Gaskins, General Contractor from North, SC and also from SB Construction Inc. from Elloree, SC.

- Fred Gaskins, General Contractor bid \$27,070.00 which included:
 1. Replacing 18 windows
 2. Replacing damage window sills and framing
 3. Replacing 36" door with steel door
 4. excavate existing HVAC and properly install new pad
 5. Remove and replace back gutters
 6. Inspect existing roof and recommend repairs
 7. Convert existing bathroom to ADA compliant bath
 8. Replace existing shingles on front elevation with metal

- Pete Stickles, S&B Construction, bid \$27,200.00 which included:
 1. Replacing 18 windows
 2. Replacing damage window sills and framing
 3. Replacing 36" door with steel door
 4. excavate existing HVAC and properly install new pad
 5. Remove and replace back gutters

6. Inspect existing roof and recommend repairs
7. Convert existing bathroom to ADA compliant bath
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Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to accept the bid from S&B Construction for Town Hall repairs (\$27,200.00) and Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch also asked council to look over the drawing submitted by the Architect for the building next door to the current Town Hall. Council Member Mike Fanning suggested we get the Architect to make several changes to the drawing. In question was the Mayor office and Conference room in one. Council members did not feel as though they need to be as one room but divided into two rooms. Council Member Mike Fanning also stated that it needed to be two work stations not just one. Mayor Stan Busch stated that he could get the Architect to make any of the changes that are needed.

Mayor Stan Busch asked council took look over the bids for two new mowers. Mayor Stan Busch stated that one mower is broken and one is not in good condition. Bids are as follows:

- Blanchard John Deere, Orangeburg (\$8,293.08)
- Pioneer Farm Equipment, Inc. (\$8,763.30) (Brand: Kubota)

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to purchase two new Kubota Mowers from Pioneer Farm Equipment and Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion. All in Favor.

The next Town Council Meeting will be August 8, 2016, at 5:30 pm in Town Hall.

X. Adjournment

Mayor Stan 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 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Furtick,
Clerk of Court