

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016**

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

Council Member Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from February 8, 2016, Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2016, 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. Chris Carver with the Ellore Heritage Museum located in Ellore. Mr. Chris addressed the Mayor and Council concerning some items that the town owns located at the depot. The items are a Telegraph Pole, "Ellore" building sign and a Railroad Signal (Tri-Color Semaphore). The Museum desires to display these items in their Railroad Display at the museum. Mr. Chris asked the Mayor and Council if they would consider donating the items or have a consignment agreement with the museum. The items would be restored and taken very good care of while allowing others to view them in the museum. Mayor and Council will discuss the items and make a motion in new business.

Mayor Stan Busch recognized Mr. Heath "froggy" Lewis with the Solar and Roofing Company. Mr. Lewis address the Mayor and Council concerning residential and commercial solar panels and some of the advantages of having solar panels installed. Mr. Lewis is interested in talking with the residents and businesses in Ellore, and showing them the benefits of solar panels. If anyone is interested please give Mr. Lewis a call 803-410-9893.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Jane Singh presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 34 work orders in February and 655 water customers billed. Water loss was at 33% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The Elloree 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 February 2016.

During the month, the police department responded to (12) calls for a request for service and arrested (17) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) Arrest for Poss. of Marijuana,
- (1) arrest for Driving with Open Container,
- (3) arrests for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for, Poss. of Beer / Wine Under Age,
- (1) arrest for Poss. of Liquor / Under Age,
- (7) arrests for Breach of Trust over \$10,000 and Felony Criminal Conspiracy,
- (2) arrests for subjects who were listed as "WANTED" from other jurisdictions, and
- (1) arrest in Walterboro for a subject who wanted from our jurisdiction for a larceny that was committed last year.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (1) Stolen push mower,
- (1) Shoplifting at South by Southwest
- (1) Break-In at the Chinese Restaurant where a \$100 cash was stolen,
- (3) False alarm calls...(1) residential and (2) commercial and,
- (4) assisting other agencies upon request.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued

The Police Department conducted (1) Safety Check Points and issued (23) 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 February, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$4,546.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2,580.84
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$569.06
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1,396.10 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for February 2016

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 took a few minutes to thank everyone for all the help with the Spring Trash to Treasurer that was held on Saturday, March 5, 2016. We had a great turnout and the weather was perfect. I spoke with most of the vendors and everyone said they did very well.

Ms. Robin gave an update on the banners. We have all the banners and hardware in now and hope to be getting the new banners up after the Elloree Trails banners come down. So everyone keep an eye out for the new banners.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on the bids for work in Elloree. As of now we still do not have any bids turn in. Mayor Stan Busch asked Council what would be the next step if there are not any bids turn in. Council Member Mike Fanning suggested that we seek out contractors on our own.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch spoke concerning the trees located on Cleveland Street. There are a few trees that are dying and need replacing. The town has purchased eight new trees to replace the dead ones and our streets and park workers will be doing the work.

Mayor Stan Busch reminded everyone of the upcoming Elloree Trials on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at 1:00 pm. This is an annual event held at the Elloree Training Center located on Wishbone Circle in Elloree. Everyone is welcome so come out and enjoy the day. For more information please contact the Elloree Training Center 803-897-2616.

Mayor Stan Busch spoke with Council concerning five pieces of equipment that the town has the opportunity to purchase from GMC Industrial. The equipment can be used by our Streets and Parks works to keep the town looking good. However, purchasing equipment at the present time is not something that the town wishes to do.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town of Elloree to loan the Elloree Heritage Museum the Telegraph Pole, the "Elloree" building sign, and the Railroad Signal on a consignment basis for a period of ten years. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all were in favor.

The next Town Council Meeting will be April 11, 2016, 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 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