

Minutes of Council Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2017

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

Robin Martin, Town Clerk
Leslie Furtick, Clerk of Court

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stan Busch called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Stan Busch provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Council member Mike Fanning made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2017. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Amanda Sievers, Lower Savannah Council of Government was in attendance to speak about the new Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Sievers stated that the Zoning Committee had been working on this for a little over a year. She stated that there would be a town meeting on April 10, 2017 at 5:00pm for anyone in town to express their concerns. After that meeting the normal Town Council Meeting will be held at 5:30pm, where the second reading of the ordinance would be read for the second time and voted on by Council. She also stated that a copy of the new zoning book and map would be in town hall for anyone to view.

Valerie Smith, Bankers Life, Columbia, SC spoke to Council and all in attendance. Ms. Smith explained that her company provided several types of services from life insurance, long term care assistance to retirement plans. She also stated that she could help individuals with their IRA's or CD's. She handed out her business card and stated that anyone that is interested in her help please call anytime.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 55 work orders in February and 651 water customers billed. Water loss was at 21% 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 March 14, 2017, at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Officer Shawn Murphree presented the Police Report for February 2017.

During the month, the police department responded to (16) calls for service and arrested (5) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) False Alarm calls,
- (6) Request for assistance from other agencies.

B. Other Incidents that included arrests:

- (1) Arrest relating to the Armed Robbery of the Game Stop in Orangeburg after Officer Murphree assisted in the pursuit and capture of the suspects involved.
- (2) Arrests for subjects who were wanted on probation violation warrants: and
- (2) Arrests for drug violations relating to marijuana possession.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued

The Police Department issued (16) Uniform Traffic Citations.

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: \$135.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$78.33
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$6.70
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$50.60 (Placed in Savings)

Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer Report and Council Member Mike Fanning seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Robin Martin, Clerk, thanked everyone for their help with the Trash to Treasurers on March 4, 2017. She stated that it was a really good turn out with 38 vendors present. There were numerous yard sales all over the town as well. We also had a DJ that played a variety of music throughout the day

Robin Martin reminded everyone that the Arts and Antiques Festival will be April 8, 2017. We will be having an Antique Car Show along with music, vendors and plenty of food.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Stan Busch updated council on the progress of the Gym. He stated that Fred Gaskins had finished roofing one half of the gym. He will finish other half when weather permits. Mayor Busch stated that Mr. Gaskins would be starting on the windows this week.

Mayor Stan Busch stated that a bid for the painting of the Depot and the new roof had been received from Fred Gaskins. Mayor Busch said the goal is to restore the Depot to its original state. Mayor Busch stated that with the new B-B-Q Restaurant opening in front of the Depot, we need the Depot to look equally impressive.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch stated that the town has hired Mr. Lindsey Wiles for the Streets and Parks Division. Mr. Wiles lives in the Elloree area.

At this time Mayor Stan Busch informed Council and all present that the Elloree Trials will be March 25, 2017.

Mayor Stan Busch stated that the next Town Council Meeting would be April 10, 2017, at 5:30 pm.

X. Executive Session

Mike Fanning made a motion that council enter into Executive Sessions at 6:00PM. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch spoke to council concerning the roof of the Depot. Mayor Busch presented council with a sample of the shingles he would like to be installed on the Depot. Council asked Mayor Busch to get the details on that particular shingle along with other types of shingles that can be used for the Depot. Fred Gaskins provided a bid for the roof on the Depot of \$34,750.00. If the Town went with the shingles that the Mayor provided a sample. The cost would be \$42,343.00.

Mayor Busch told Town Council that we had received paperwork regarding a grant that could possibly pay for the renovations of the gym. Clerk of Court, Leslie Furtick, told Council that she had spoken with Alesha Cushman regarding the grant. Ms. Cushman emailed the application and directions for the PARD Grant to Ms. Furtick. Ms. Furtick explained to Council that there is over \$158,000.00 available. Council advised Ms. Furtick to complete the application so that the process could begin.

Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to return from Executive session at 6:15PM and Mike Fanning seconded the motion. All were in favor.

XI. Adjournment

Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Council Member Mike Fanning. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Martin,
Town Clerk