

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2016**

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

Council Member Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch made a motion to look over the minutes from April 11, 2016, Council Meeting. Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016, Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mike Fanning, 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 Elloree Water System. There were 24 work orders in April and 654 water customers billed. Water loss was at 32% 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 May 10, 2016, at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Officer Buist Smith presented the Police Report for April 2016. During the month, the police department responded to (16) calls for a request for service and arrested (9) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) Arrest for Possession of Marijuana,
- (1) arrest for Driving with Open Container, ,
- (1) arrest for Minor in Poss. of Beer and Liquor,
- (1) arrest for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for Simple Assault,

- (1) arrest for Noise Ordinance Violation and,
- (3) arrests of a subject who were listed as "Wanted" from other jurisdictions.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- Concluded a two-month investigation into Identification Theft, Financial Fraud, and 29 counts of Forgery resulting in over two thousand dollars in loss. Warrants are pending,
- Responded to a vehicular accident on Harlin Street,
- Received a complaint about a dirt bike racing in town and when the officer responded a chase ensued and the suspect escaped on foot,
- (3) false alarm calls,
- (5) assisting other agencies upon request including Smith and Avinger participating in the chase and stop of the kidnapping suspect on I-95 in Santee.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued

The Police Department conducted (1) Safety Check Points and issued (39) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offenses not related to traffic.

3. Administrative

- Buist Smith has cleaned out old police department records and equipment that was being stored in the old jail cell upstairs.
- NTI Net has completed an IT and wireless router survey as required by federal law and they will be submitting a quote for completing the necessary work. This is being done to bring our computer network into CJICS compliance for the instillation and ahead of a FBI / Sled CJICS Audit that is being conducted in S.C. this year.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$2,676.50
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$995.01
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$326.00
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1,355.49 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for April 2016 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. Council Member Harold Void moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion and all voted to accept.

Mayor Stan Bush gave an update on the Audit. After speaking with Tripp Wingard the audit should be ready by the next Town Council Meeting and that everything is looking good. It's looking like that we will be somewhere around a \$150,000.00 in the black.

Ms. Robin informed the Mayor and Council that the position for Clerk of Court / Part Time Town Clerk Assistance has been filled. Ms. Leslie Furtick of Elloreë has taken the position, she just moved in the Elloreë area and we welcome her to our team.

Ms. Robin also informed the Mayor and Council that the Annual MASC Meeting will be July 14 - 17 at the Charleston Place Hotel. The information is in your binders however, registration / reservation will be June 1 and 2 therefore, I will need to know who is planning on attending on or before the deadline.

Ms. Robin spoke concerning the Trash to Treasurer that the town usually has in September. This event was taken off the yearly calendar however, there has been several request that the town put this event on. Now that Ms. Furtick has joined our team we are going to put this event back on the calendar for September 10, 2016. All requirements and rules will be the same and if anyone wants to participate please contact me at Town Hall via email clerk@elloreesc.com or by phone 803-897-2821.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Stan Busch spoke with Council concerning the property located in Elloreë that he wishes to purchase. The Mayor feels that this property would be a good investment for the town however, if a motion is not made on the purchase the owner will be putting the property on the market. Council Harold Void stated that his concerns was where the money was coming from to purchase the property. Council Void first thought that the money was coming from the Penny Sales Tax however, after finding out that it was not his concern is where is the money going to come from. Mayor Stan Busch stated that before Council made a decision he would like to talk about some of the other areas that the Penny Sales Tax was allocated for.

Mayor Stan Busch spoke about the Penny Sales Tax that was allocated for the Maintenance Building. He asked Council if any of them has been in the maintenance building in the past 30 days. The building is not worth repairing. Mayor Busch spoke with Ms. Stephanie Grant with Orangeburg County who handles the Penny Tax money and asked if the town had to repair the building or can we tear it down and build a new building in another locating. Council Member Mike Fanning stated that he did not think that the Penny Sales Tax money could be used for anything other than what it was allocated for. Mayor Busch stated that his information was coming from Ms. Grant. Council Fanning stated that Ms. Grant

was not part of the Legislative Arm of the State of South Carolina. Therefore, we have to make sure that we do not put the Town of Ellore in a position to have to pay back any money that we receive. If Ms. Grant made this statement then we need to get this in writing. Mayor Busch will be checking with Ms. Grant concerning this matter.

Mayor Stan Busch informed council that the bid for Gym located at JMP ran in the Calhoun Times on May 5, 2016. Mayor Busch is hoping that we get a few bids on this project and stated that Council Member Johnny Ravenell of Orangeburg has stated that he would be will to help with the cost of the repairs.

Mayor Stan Busch spoke with council concerning the work that has been done on the Gazebo located in JMP. The repairs are done and the Gazebo looks great.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch informed council that Littlefield Construction Company out of Waycross, Georgia has entered into a contract agreement to rent property owned by the town to stockpile stone that will be used to pave roads in Orangeburg County. Littlefield agreed to pay the town \$1000.00 for the rental of this property located at 680 Wolf Street in Ellore, from May 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016. Any stone that is left over the town can have.

Mayor Stan Busch gave an update on the Project List for the Penny Sales Tax IV that Council was ask to give. The Town of Ellore has requested \$200,000.00 for Improvements and Upgrades to the Ellore Water System, \$190,000.00 for Improvements and Repairs to Ellore Town Buildings and Property, and \$17,929.85 for Recreational Improvements: Joe Miller Park, Hungerpillar Field, and Lyon's Park.

The next Town Council Meeting will be June 13, 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 Milt Felder seconded the motion, all voted to accept and went into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. and Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion, all voted to accept.

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion for the Town of Ellore to adopt the First Reading of the Town Ordinance 2016-05-09-2016 entering into a Natural Gas Franchise Agreement with Department of Public Utilities of Orangeburg County. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were in favor.

As of this time the Town of Ellore does not have a bid out for Pest Control therefore, there was no contractual matter to discuss.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Busch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Martin,
Town Clerk