

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

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

Robin Martin, Town Clerk
Leslie Furtick, Clerk of Court

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stan Busch called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Opening Prayer

Council Member Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Council member Milt Felder made a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2016. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and all were in favor. Council Member Mike Fanning wanted to add to the minutes from the October 18, 2016 Council Meeting. Council Member Mike Fanning stated that he wanted to thank the employees (Robin Martin, Preston Avinger, Buist Smith, Jonathan fields and Chris Finch) who stayed at Town Hall during the Hurricane. He also stated that he was present for several hours as he listened to the conference call with Orangeburg County. He again wanted to thank the employees that stayed and took all the calls from the town citizens while they were away from their family and property. They put the Town first and he again said thank you.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Claudette Pauling was a special guest at the meeting. Ms. Pauling spoke about the plans for the gym, recreation for the youth along with the adults. She also stated that she would like to see somewhere for the Boys and Girls Club to meet. She also wanted to ask that something be done to fix the R.J. Anderson Building.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 81 work orders in July and 645 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.

Ms. Dantzler also introduced the new employee, Brenda Manley, with the Ellore Water System.

The Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on December 13, 2016, at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Asst. Chief Buist Smith presented the Police Report for October 2016.

During the month, the police department responded to (14) calls for request for service and arrested (3) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (3) False Alarm calls
- (1) Civil matter relating to non-compliance of a car purchase contract
- (1) complaint that involved the theft of a secret BBQ recipe,
- (1) 911 hang-up call to Food Lion Warehouse that was unfounded due to phone line issues
- (1) Requests for assistance from other agencies to include a Heroin overdose just outside the town limits.

B. Other Incidents that included arrests:

- (1) Arrest for Driving under Suspension
- (1) Arrest for Forgery of a check to IGA
- (1) Arrest of a subject who was listed as "WANTED" from Orangeburg County.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued

The Police Department issued (17) Uniform Traffic Citations.

- The Police Chief and Town Clerk attended a FEMA meeting in Orangeburg to start the process for financial assistance/reimbursements for all issues relating to Hurricane Matthew.
- Trunk or Treat was a success from law enforcement prospective as we had a good turnout with little or no problems.
- October's court was cancelled due to the Judge having a family emergency and has been rescheduled for the normal November court date.
- The Police Department has been running a state-wide ad for the open police officer position and as of today only two applications have been received.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$0.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$0.00
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$0.00
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$0.00 (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.

Ms. Leslie Furtick spoke about the events for the Town of Elloree. Ms. Furtick stated that the Arts and Antiques have been rescheduled for April 8, 2017 and all the refunds have been mailed back to all the vendors. The annual Trunk or Treat was a big success. There were a lot of donations given and we had 18 participants that night. The Christmas Parade has been scheduled for December 10, 2016 at 6:00pm with line up at 5:30pm. The applications for the parade have been mailed to the prior participants along with several new ones.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Stan Busch updated council concerning the New Diagram from the Architect, Mr. Shaw, about the new building next door. Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to approve the new diagram documents only from Mr. Shaw. Council Member Mike Fanning seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Council Member Mike Fanning stated that he had spoken with the young lady who had come to look at our office from OSHA. He stated that she had sent the samples to the office in Salt Lake City, Utah, and hoped that they results would be completed in a few weeks. She told Council Member Mike Fanning that the town would be cited for at least 2 violations concerning Town Hall. She also stated that the Chief of Police could not work in his office until the sample results were back and it was addressed. Also she stated that the workers could be in harm if they are working daily in the building with asbestos or other harmful things. Also Council Member Mike Fanning stated that the room upstairs is very harmful and dangerous for the employees.

Mayor Stan Busch updated Town Council concerning Town Hall. He stated that the new windows had been installed with a few more things to be completed with them. The Window in the back room will have a drop down latter leading from upstairs in case of fire. Mayor Stan Busch stated that Pete Stickles still had some work that had to be completed like the ADA bathroom along with a few other things.

Mayor Stan Busch updated Town Council concerning the work being done to the Maintenance Building. He stated that Fred Gaskins had painted the roof with sealer, replaced the windows and also rewired the building. The Mayor asked council if the circuit box could be replaced to add more voltage to the building and also replace the 2 bay doors. The Mayor also stated that he would like to get the ceiling fixed. Council Member Milt Felder made motion fix ceiling and bay doors also allow Mr. Gaskins to provide bid for these repairs. If council accepts his bid it would be able to fall under his current contract. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch updated Town Council on gym. Ms. Robin Martin stated that the town has \$45,000.00 total for the gym with \$30,000.00 being provided by Orangeburg County (Council Member Johnnie Ravenell). Mayor Busch stated that the windows on one side of the gym have been completely knocked out by vandalism. The Mayor stated that the windows, kitchen and an ADA bathroom needed to be added and repaired. Council Member Harold Void made a motion to fix the windows and also replace all the doors. It was seconded by Council Member Milt Felder. All were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch read the Third Reading of the Renewal of the Agreement with Orangeburg County to do Building Inspections and Code Enforcements. Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to accept the agreement and Council Member Mike Fanning seconded the motion, all were in favor.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch stated lights were needed at the back of Joe Miller Park on the walking trail. The Mayor stated that the transformer located at the gym would be used to provide power to the new (3) lights. It will be around \$80.00 a month for the lights. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to add the lights to Joe Miller Park and Council Member Milt Felder seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch advised Town Council that the 2016 Millage for Orangeburg County had been received by letter. The Millage for 2015 was 80. Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to keep the Millage at 80 and the motion was seconded by Council Member Kim Gidron. All were in favor.

Mayor Stan Busch stated that Tiffany Lauren lives by the ballpark and has had problems with balls coming in her yard. She put a net up to catch as many as possible. After the Hurricane several trees need to be cut or limbed up. Ms. Lauren stated that she would pay for all removal or limbing of the trees. Council Member Harold Void made a motion to approve Ms. Lauren for the limbing or removal of the trees. The motion was seconded by Milt Felder and all were in favor.

Chris Carver, Zoning, addressed Mayor Busch, Town Council and all present. He stated that the meeting scheduled on November 9, 2016 was cancelled due to lack of attendance. Mr. Carver stated that the committee is working hard to get the new comprehensive (zoning) plan finished and presented to town Council. Mr. Carver also stated that on November 15, 2016 an Appeal Zoning Committee Meeting will be held at Ellore Town Hall at 5:30pm. This is to discuss the matter of the corner store located on the corner of Cleveland Street and Hwy 6. Mr. Carver stated that he did not feel as though he could allow a zoning permit for this property because it fell under the neighborhood/commercial, nonconforming use. This means it had been abandoned for 6 months.

Mayor Stan Busch stated that the next Town Council Meeting would be December 12, 2016 at 5:30pm.

X. Executive Session

Mayor Stan Busch advised all in attendance that we were going into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters at 6:40PM. Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion after returning from Executive Session that the Town is able to use the new email system for the employees and it was seconded by Council Member Harold Void. All were in favor.

XI. Adjournment

Council Member Milt Felder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mike Fanning. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Martin,
Town Clerk