

Minutes of Council Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mayor Busch made an announcement prior to calling to order the October 13, 2015 Council Meeting. Mayor Busch informed everyone that Council Harold Void brother had passed away on Friday October 9, 2015 and asked everyone to please keep Council Void and his family in their prayers.

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

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Stan Busch provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Stan Busch asked the Council Members that were presented to look over the minutes from the September 14, 2015 Council Meeting. However, there was no motion made to approve the minutes due to other Council Members not being present.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

Mayor Stan Busch gave a debrief on the storm that left so many in South Carolina devastated. He wanted to thank Chris Finch, Danny Cumbee, the Ellore Police Department, the Ellore Fire Department, the Ellore Water Department and everyone that was involved in the process of keeping Ellore from flooding. Ellore was very fortunate that we did not have that much damage to our town.

The Auditors were not able to make the meeting however, they should have everything ready for the next Council Meeting in November.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Jane Singh from the Ellore Water System gave an update on the water and sewer system in Ellore and thanked the town and everyone that gave a helping hand during the flood. The Ellore Water System came through the flooding over all very well. However, on Monday night October 5, a water line did break at the end of Roosevelt Street. No one lost water due to the break, the water lost was

due to water valves having to be turned off for repairs. The water system was never in danger and DHEC was called in to make sure proper procedures were followed during the repair process. This is why Ellore was never under a boil water advisory.

On the waste water side of the system there were two manholes that had sewage spills due to infiltration of storm water and again DHEC was called in to assist. The sewer system is not designed to hold that much water and this caused the manholes to have water spewing out of them.

Ms. Jane has contacted FEMA to apply for assistance with the bills that were created due to the flood. The Water Department has about \$4000.00 worth of damages and this is not all. The pumps at the waste water plant had to be serviced due to running nonstop trying to keep up with all the extra water. This bill is not in yet. Also the water line that is running under ground at the Cleveland Street bridge, that collapsed during the flood, will have to be fixed.

Ms. Cole Dantzer presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 98 work orders in September and 647 water customers billed. Water loss was at 28% 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 October 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Officer Dwayne Duckson presented the Police Report for September 2015. During the month the police department responded to (11) calls for request for service and arrested (16) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (1) Arrest for Poss. of Crack Cocaine, Meth, and Marijuana,
- (1) arrest for Poss. of Marijuana,
- (1) arrest for providing false information to law enforcement,
- (8) arrest for Driving with Open Container,
- (3) arrest for Driving Under Suspension,
- (1) arrest for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, and
- (1) arrests for Littering.

B. Other Incidents or Events included the following

- (2) False alarm calls....(1) commercial and (1) residential,

- (2) domestic calls that were verbal only,
- (1) 911 hang up call,
- (1) shoplifting call where the business owner declined to prosecute due to the suspect returning and paying for the item, and
- (4) reports filed for criminal violations that have been forwarded to outside agencies due to conflicts. No information can be released at this current time due to ongoing investigations.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets

The Police Department conducted (2) Safety Check Points and issued (42) Uniform Traffic Tickets. *Note....Some Traffic Tickets may be for other criminal offences not related to traffic.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$3995.50
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1949.49
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$455.66
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1590.35 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for September 2015 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. There was no motion made to approve the minutes due to other Council Members not being present.

Ms. Robin gave an update on Arts & Antiques festival that was cancelled because of the storm. Due to the time of year this event will not be rescheduled. The town spent \$29.96 with Kick Booty and \$314.08 to rebuild the stages that are used for this event as well as others.

Ms. Robin also spoke about the upcoming Trunk or Treats on Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm, at Joe Miller Park. This is an annual event in Elloree and is a great way for the kids to be able to enjoy Halloween and be safe.

VIII. Old Business

Mayor Busch informed council that the new nets for the tennis courts located at Joe Miller Park have been purchased and will be going up soon.

Mayor Busch also reminded everyone about the flower pots that are being placed around town by Mr. Oliver. Mr. Oliver had asked if anyone had a proverb they would like to put on one of the flower pots to please let Town Hall know.

Mayor Busch reminded everyone of the Litter Blitz that Orangeburg County is having October 24 thru the 30. We would like to set a date for this event however, we will wait until we can get input from all the Council Member.

Mayor Busch also put the issues with the bids for the work to be done in Ellore off to a later date due to Council Members not be able to be at this meeting.

Mayor Busch gave an update on the fountain in Joe Miller Park, the fountain is now ready to be used and is a great addition to the park. The funds that were used for the fountain came for the Joe Miller Park Foundation and we are thankful for all that the foundation has done for Ellore and are thankful for our park.

IX. New Business

Mayor Stan Busch informed Council of a meeting that was held with County Councilman Johnny Ravenell, Orangeburg City Administrator Harold Young, Councilman Harold Void, Sinkler Boone with the Orangeburg County Road Division, Laura Washington with the Orangeburg County Boys and Girls Club, and himself to discuss the Gym at Joe Miller Park. There was some asbestos found in the gym and it has to be cleaned up which is an expensive process. Mr. Harold Young has stated that he has a similar situation in Orangeburg and will try to have the contractor they are using in Orangeburg to look at our situation here in Ellore. As of this time we are waiting on a response from Mr. Young.

Mayor Busch spoke about the upcoming November 3, Council Seat Election in District 2 and 3 of Ellore. Council Member Harold Void has elected to run for reelection in District 2 and there is no other candidate. For District 3 Council Member Milt Felder has elected to run for reelection and Ms. Susan Stroman has also elected to run for that seat.

Mayor Stan Busch stated the other issues on the agenda cannot be handle at this time due to Council Members not being able to attend this meeting.

The next Town 'Council Meeting will be November 9, 2015 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 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk