

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

Present: Stan Busch, Mayor
Milt Felder, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member
Kim Gidron, 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 Harold Void provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Council member Milt Felder made a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2016. Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

There were no special guest present.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System. There were 69 work orders in July and 651 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 November 8, 2016, at 6:00 pm.

VI. Police Report

Asst. Chief Buist Smith presented the Police Report for September 2016. During the month, the police department responded to (19) calls for request for service and arrested (4) individuals.

1. Reportable and Non-Reportable incidents.

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

- (3) False Alarm calls
- (1) 911 hang-up call that was unfounded
- (1) Report of a missing UPS package that was left on a porch,
- (1) Larceny of a cell phone
- (1) Report of harassment conducted via Face book,

- (1) Request from DSS
- (1) Shots fired complaint near Church Street and Hampton Street,
- (1) Complaint of Presenting a firearm during an argument, victim declined to prosecute,
- (5) Requests for assistance from other agencies

B. Other Incidents that included arrests:

- (1) Arrest for Shoplifting,
- (1) Arrest for Forgery of a Financial Document
- (1) Arrest for Driving Under Suspension
- (1) Arrest of a subject who was listed as "WANTED" from another jurisdiction.

2. Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued

The Police Department issued (20) Uniform Traffic Citations including (12) Warning Tickets.

- Officer Duckson has resigned from the Police Department and his last day was on September 30, 2016. Officer Duckson resigned to take a position at the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office.
- Hurricane Matthew Operations: From Tuesday, October 4, 2016 through October 11, 2016 the Ellore Police Department worked 290 manpower hours with 210 overtime hours completed. The Town Clerk, Robin Martin worked 121.5 hours with 81.5 overtime hours completed. These hours were worked during storm preparations; lane reversal operations, county emergency operation center updates. Actual storm operations resulted in 38 continuous hours worked by each employee until the storm subsided. Remaining hours worked included responding to post storm damage, conducting damage assessments and participating in county EOC meetings.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$1346.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$989.11
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$103.40
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$253.49 (Placed in Savings)

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

Ms. Martin reminded Town Council of the Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31, 2016. She asked if they would please pass the word around.

Also Ms. Martin brought up the Arts and Antiques Festival that had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew. She stated that all participants had been called prior to the event to let each person know that it had been canceled and their money would be refunded. Ms. Martin asked council if we could possibly reschedule this event for the Spring of 2017. Council agreed to reschedule this event for April 8, 2017. Along with the Arts and Antiques Festival there will be other activities.

Council thanked Chief Avinger, Officer Smith, Town Clerk Ms. Martin, Jonathan Fields, Chris Finch and the Fire Department for all their help during the storm.

VIII. Old Business

The update concerning the New Diagram form the Architect Mr. Shaw was put on hold until the next Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Stan Busch updated Town Council concerning the DPU Contract and stated that we had received the contract with all original signatures.

Mayor Stan Busch complained to Town Council concerning the work to the windows in Town Hall. He stated that he had not been able to make contact with Pete Stickles concerning the windows.

Mayor Stan Busch updated Town council as to the work on the Maintenance Building. Fred Gaskins Construction has repainted the roof with sealer and blocked the windows. The Mayor stated that it did not leak during the Hurricane.

Mayor Stan Busch read the Second 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 second reading of the agreement and Council Member Harold Void seconded the motion, all were in favor.

IX. New Business

During the discussion concerning Hurricane Matthew it was brought to the attention that the hole on Barkley Street needs to be repaired. The Mayor also stated that Town Hall had minimal damage. He also commented about the length of time without electricity and the number of residents that had lost power.

The Ellore Garden Club Proclamation was read to all present at the Town Council Meeting. The Garden Club held a Tea Party on October 16, 2016 celebrating their 75th Anniversary. At this event Mayor Stan Busch signed a proclamation making October 16th officially Ellore Garden Club Day in the Town of Ellore.

Chris Carver was present at the Council Meeting to give an update on the progress that has been made with the Zoning Committee for the Town of Elloree.

Mayor Stan Busch stated that the next Town Council Meeting would be November 14, 2016 at 5:30pm.

X. Adjournment

Council Member Harold Void made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Martin,
Town Clerk