

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 11, 2019**  
**5:30 PM**

**Present:** Mike Fanning, Mayor  
Bill Brandenburg, Council Member  
Kim Gidron, Council Member  
Chip Davis, Council Member  
Shawn Murphree, Chief of Police  
Earl Kinley, Assistant Chief of Police  
Freda Trupiano, Town Clerk

Lee Michaels, Dominion

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Mike Fanning called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**II. Opening Prayer**

Mayor Mike Fanning provided the invocation and lead all in attendance to the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2019.  
Council Member Bill Brandenburg seconded the motion to approve the minutes,  
and all were in favor.

**IV. Water Commission Report**

Ms. Jane Singh presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System.  
There were 34 work orders in February and 645 water customers billed. Water loss was at 13%  
for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance  
with DHEC for the month.

Ms. Singh encouraged customers to complete the customer information sheet and return it to the  
office. Bills can now be emailed instead of mailed by listing your email address on  
the form.

There was discussion between council and Ms. Singh about the status of Ellore Water System  
joining the Regional Water Authority. She stated she is awaiting further  
information on rates and would like to continue conversation with the them.

Any customer complaints about water problems should be reported to the Elloree Water System Office. Reports of red water increase as the temperatures heat up. Flushing the lines is a solution to this condition called tuberculation.

The Elloree Water Commission will hold its next meeting on March 12, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

**V. Public Comments, Concerns, Information or Recommendations to Council**

None

**VI. Police Report**

Chief Murphree presented the Police Report for February 2019.

During the month, the police department responded to 60 calls for service.

**1. Breakdown of Tickets and Arrests:**

- 18 Traffic Tickets Issued
- 7 Warnings Issued
- 1 Bench Warrant Served
- 2 Narcotic Arrests
- 2 Weapons Arrests
- 3 Loitering Arrests
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Chief Murphree reports there will be 8-10 local and state agencies assisting us with the Elloree Trials on March 23, 2019.

Mayor Fanning commended Chief Murphree for his life saving techniques while assisting the County on a recent call. Chief Murphree applied a tourniquet made up of shoelaces and zip ties to a severely cut arm. Doctors reported these techniques saved a life.

Mayor Fanning stated Chief Murphree's proactive vs. reactive policing has been very effective in stopping crime from happening in the wee hours of the morning.

Assistant Chief Kinley has equipped the Department with proper tourniquet equipment and holster which is now worn on their belt.

**VII. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fanning proudly announced Streets and Parks Department has a new employee, Mr. Phillip Moore, who brings new and efficient ideas to the Department.

Mayor Fanning gave an update on the drainage issue. The DOT found that the old terra cotta pipe had collapsed in several places. The DOT will be replacing approximately 211 feet of old pipe to be joined into the concrete pipe on the backside of Mr. Parler's property. The pipe has been ordered and received. The project is on the DOT worklist.

Once the additional easement authorization is received from the property owner, the work will begin. Mayor Fanning is encouraged that this will provide the solution to the downtown drainage problem. He stated the DOT has been a pleasure to work with during this issue.

The new welcome sign coming in from the Santee side has been installed. Landscaping will be done. Commercial-grade artificial mulch pads are being priced for placement around the entrance signs and at the intersection of Cleveland Street and Highway Six.

Mayor Fanning reminded Council to complete the State Ethics Online Reporting Form-Statement of Economic Interest by March 30, 2019.

### **VIII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

Ms. Freda Trupiano presented the monthly clerk/treasurer report. The Police Fines Report for the month of February, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$2150.63
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1165.55
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$201.34
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$783.74 (Placed in Savings)

Ms. Trupiano advised Council that she had been in contact with Murdaugh and Associates regarding the audit. She stated that they anticipate the audit to be completed by next week.

Ms. Trupiano stated that the Trash to Treasures will be on April 6, 2019 from 8:00am-2:00pm. Planning for the event is on schedule.

Earlier this year, The Ellore Trials Committee asked if the Town would purchase a new banner promoting the Ellore Trials since their old banner could not be found. Ms. Trupiano thanked Mayor Fanning for ordering and placing the new banner. It is currently displayed at the Joe Miller Park Tennis Court. A separate date banner is part of the new ensemble which will make displaying future event

dates more attractive. This sign will be stored in the town's maintenance shop at the conclusion of the event.

**IX. Old Business**

None

**X. New Business**

**First Reading of Two- Franchise Agreements With SCE&G (Dominion)** -After clarification of non-standard service project fund by Mr. Michaels, Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Council Member Sarah Ann Parler. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**First Reading of Two- Franchise Agreements with Tri County** – Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Council Member Bill Brandenburg. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

The ordinance number of the signing will be the date of the next council meeting.

**XI. Executive Session**

None

**XII. Adjournment**

Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Council Member Chip Davis. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda Herron Trupiano  
Town Clerk

