

Minutes of Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2019
5:30 PM

Present: Mike Fanning, Mayor
Bill Brandenburg, Council Member
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Chip Davis, Council Member
Sarah Ann Parler, Council Member
Shawn Murphree, Chief of Police
Earl Kinley, Assistant Chief of Police
Freda Trupiano, Town Clerk
Lee Michaels, Dominion
James Burn, Dominion
Frank Furtick, Tri-County Electric

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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2019 with one exception: Sarah Ann Parler was in attendance at that meeting. Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the added correction request, and all were in favor.

IV. Water Commission Report

Ms. Jane Singh presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System.

There were 33 work orders in March and 646 water customers billed. Water loss was at 23% 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 April 9, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

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

Mr. Richard Bochette spoke to Council and all present concerning more lights at Hungerpiller Ballfield. Council was presented with a picture of the property and lights already in place. Council Member Bill Brandenburg recommended getting prices of the security lights for the two poles and also pricing for an additional two or three and any associated monthly fees before the next Council meeting. Mayor Fanning also mentioned the possibility of fence work and gating of the area. Town Council took these recommendations under advisement.

VI. Police Report

Assistant Chief Earl Kinley presented the Police Report for March 2019.

The Department responded to 66 calls for service, 33 tickets written, and 1 warrant served.

There were no accidents or incidents reported during the Elloreë Trials.

Chief Shawn Murphree thanked Asst. Chief Kinley for being pro-active. He stated that he is his right hand. Asst. Chief Kinley noticed something down Browning Road that was suspicious and witnessed the individual stealing from the property. Asst. Chief Kinley arrested the individual at that time.

Chief Murphree also thanked SCDNR, SCHP, SCPP, Holly Hill PD, Eutawville PD, Santee PD, St. Matthews PD and Salley PD for their assistance during the Elloreë Trials on March 23, 2019.

VII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fanning asked Phil Moore with Streets and Parks to stand up and be recognized. Mayor Fanning stated that the Town is highly pleased with his work and thanked him for his hard work and the pride he takes in his work. The Mayor stated he is an important part of a good team.

Mayor Fanning stated the Town Staff and Police Department had worked very well preparing for Elloreë Trials and Trash to Treasures events.

The Mayor and Town Council received a thank you letter from the Elloreë Heritage Museum thanking them for the \$4000 allocated for funding.

Mayor Fanning gave an update on the downtown drainage issue. The SCDOT has everything in place. The property owner has a couple of concerns and these will be addressed later this week. The project should begin as soon as the concerns are alleviated.

VIII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$5,393.50
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$3,042.51
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$514.58
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1,836.41 (Placed in Savings)

Ms. Trupiano advised Council that she had been in contact with Tripp Wingard of Murdaugh and Associates regarding the audit. The audit should be completed by end of April. He stated he plans to meet with the Ellore water Department next week which will allow him to gather the data needed to finish the audit. Mr. Wingard asked Ms. Trupiano to let Mayor Fanning and Town Council know that we have been compliant with providing him with the information needed to finalize our side of the audit. He also stated that he has not found any reason for concern.

Ms. Trupiano stated that the Trash to Treasures was held on April 6, 2019 from 8:00am-2:00pm. We had a total of 15 vendors along with 3 food vendors. The total income received was \$250.00.

Mr. Goree Smith of the Ellore Training Center reports that this year's trials were a great success. The weather was beautiful and attendance was larger than last year. He said there were no problems with traffic and everyone had a good time.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

Second Reading of Two- Franchise Agreements With SCE&G (Dominion) and Tri-County Electric. Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to accept the agreement and Council Member Chip Davis seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Fanning announced that a Planning Commission meeting will be held in mid to late May to check zoning of a couple of properties in town. The properties were not announced at this time; however, information will be sent to the Planning Commission and certified letters will be sent to the adjacent property owners of the properties in question and postings will be done. An ad will be placed in the Santee Stripper and Holly Hill Observer advising of the public hearing. Former Mayor Stickles will be the chairman of this Commission. Also Ms. Daisy Pauling will be on the committee. A couple of new members have been appointed and will undergo the proper training prior to the meeting.

Mayor Fanning presented the Preliminary Budget Numbers for 2019-2020. A Budget Workshop for the budget will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019. Mayor Fanning stated that the second reading of the Budget will be read during our May 13 Town Council meeting. A public hearing will be held prior to the June Town Council meeting and the third and final reading will be heard during that June meeting.

Council Member Kim Gidron made a motion to accept the first reading of the preliminary budget for 2019-2020 and Council Member Bill Brandenburg seconded the motion and all were in favor. The first reading was passed.

Mayor Fanning provided worksheet for Council concerning the Fourth of July celebration to get their input on a potential speaker and ideas for things that the children will enjoy. He encouraged each Council member to participate in the celebration.

Mayor Fanning stated that there have been numerous complaints concerning a wooden fence at the corner of Lexington and Browning Road. Several of the citizens have reported near misses when turning at the stop sign. DOT will be doing a site study and notify the town of their findings.

Mayor Fanning asked Council about the possibility of selling the building adjacent to town hall. The Mayor and Council were in favor of selling it out right at fair market value without a financing option.

He then asked Council if they had any additional items to discuss. Council Member Sarah Ann Parler stated she had received phone calls inquiring if there is an

ordinance prohibiting the burning of yard debris. There is no ordinance to prohibit this but the Orangeburg County Burn number should be called to inquire about conditions and any permits issued.

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment

Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Council Member Bill Brandenburg. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda Herron Trupiano
Town Clerk