

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 13, 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
Austin Arant, Lt.
Freda Trupiano, Town Clerk
Leslie Furtick, Clerk of Court
Johnnie Ravenell, Orangeburg County Council

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Patricia Dash provided the invocation and Mayor Fanning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2019. Council Member Sara Ann Parler seconded the motion to approve the minutes and all were in favor.

IV. Water Commission Report

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 30 work orders in April and 646 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.

The Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on May 14, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

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

Penny Garrett with the Ellore Revitalization Association spoke about several properties located in town limits. The association is concerned about the unkept appearance of the properties including the Snider House. They made suggestions concerning the clean-up of the said properties. The association suggested designating a clean-up day or possibly issuing fines to the property owners. Mayor Fanning stated letters

would be sent to the property owners to appeal to their better nature in complying with Orangeburg County Codes and Zoning.

VI. Police Report

Lt. Austin Arant presented the Police Report for April 2019.

The Department responded to 52 calls for service and 18 tickets written.

VII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fanning stated that the SCDOT had replaced 210 feet of drainage pipe on Hwy 6 within the town limits. He stated that the water is moving through the drains and should help to alleviate the downtown flooding issue.

Mayor Fanning also stated that he recently met with the clock repairman from the actual company where the clock was purchased. He advised council and all present that the clock needs 2 motors and the lighting needs to be replaced. The amount of the repairs is estimated to be around \$2600.00. Mayor Fanning stated that the clock is a part of the Town of Elloree and will be repaired. A purchase order will be issued for the repairs. He thanked Mr. John Singh for arranging to have the inspection of the clock done.

VIII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$1590.01
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$836.23
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$109.35
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$563.43 (Placed in Savings)

Ms. Trupiano advised Council that she had been in contact with Murdaugh and Associates regarding the audit. The audit should be completed by end of next week.

Ms. Trupiano stated the planning for the Fourth of July celebration is in full swing. The music will be provided by DJ Don, the same person as last year. The fireworks have been ordered and provided by the same people as last year also. We are also in the process of finding a speaker for the program.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

Mayor Fanning stated that a Planning Commission meeting will be held at the end of this month to revisit the zoning of the old sewing room (the Garment Co) which is currently zoned residential. A request for reconsideration to return the zoning to industrial for the eight to ten acre tract will be addressed by the commission and recommendation will be presented to the Town of Ellore.

Mayor Fanning thanked Ms. Penny Garrett for agreeing to serve on the Planning Commission. The Commission is comprised of former Mayor Van Stickle, Chairman, Ms. Penny Garrett, Ms. Daisy Pauling, Mr. William Jameson, and Ms. Sylvia Ketcherside.

Mayor Fanning presented the second reading of the 2019-2020 Budget. A public hearing will be held just prior to the June 10 Town Council meeting and the third and final reading will be heard during the June 10 Town Council meeting. Mayor Fanning did not recommend a millage rate increase. Council Member Kim Gidron made a motion to accept the second reading of the 2019-2020 budget and Council Member Sara Ann Parler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Fanning stated that he has been spraying Joe Miller Park around the playground and the walking trail to kill the weeds. He is also spraying other areas around town.

Mayor Fanning stated that a review of Town Ordinances will begin soon. One ordinance in particular concerns the leash law and cleaning up after one's animals. He encouraged citizens to enjoy walking their animals and to also clean up after them.

Mayor Fanning introduced Orangeburg County Council member Johnnie Ravenell to everyone present. Mr. Ravenell stated that if anyone has any concerns, he is available to help and to please let him know. The penny sales tax money will be available to the Town towards the end of this year. He stated that the County of Orangeburg has begun a project to install broadband internet to the outlined areas where they are unable to get adequate internet. This is going to help the students receive internet at their homes.

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment

Council Member Sara Ann Parler 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 6:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda Herron Trupiano, Town Clerk