

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019
5:30 PM**

Present: Mike Fanning, Mayor
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Chip Davis, Council Member
Shawn Murphree, Chief of Police
Austin Arant, Lt.
Leslie Furtick, Clerk of Court

I. Call to Order

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

II. Opening Prayer

Mayor Fanning provided the invocation along with leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from August 12 2019.

Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion to approve the minutes and all were in favor.

IV. Water Commission Report

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System.

There were 60 work orders in August and 646 water customers billed. Water loss was at 10% 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 September 10, at 6:00 pm.

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

Penny Garrett with the Elloree Revitalization Association spoke about the Snider property located in town limits. The association is concerned about the unkept appearance of the property. Ms. Garrett also stated that the Snider house is not on the National Registry as a land mark. They have offered to help clean the property if necessary. She stated Section 4-123 list historical homes are to be kept clean but not mandatory. They were asking is it is possible to make a Town Ordinance to cover this issue with maybe a fine in an amount to be determined at a later date. Mayor Fanning stated letters had been sent to the property owner to appeal to their better nature in complying with Orangeburg County Codes and Zoning. As of today, we have not received any response from them. Ms. Garrett stated that if our downtown was more appealing then we may be able to bring in some new businesses. Mayor

Fanning stated that it is possible to have an ordinance for this and we would have to have three readings and on the third reading it could be put a vote. Ms. Garrett also asked if they could have a copy of the new budget and Mayor Fanning said that it is open to the public.

VI. Police Report

Chief Murphree presented the Police Report for August 2019.

The Department responded to 71 calls for service and 19 tickets written. 3 arrests were made and 9 warnings given. Chief Murphree thanked Asst. Chief Kinley and Lt. Arant for their help with the Hurricane. Lt. Arant provided the Police Department with a camper during the storm so they could be available 24/7. Chief Murphree also stated that Labor Day Weekend the Police Department participated in checkpoints with Eutawville, Holly Hill and Santee Police Departments. These checkpoints resulted in 5 stolen vehicles, 1 felony arrest (drug related), 1 DUS, and 5 fugitives apprehended.

VII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Fanning took this opportunity to thank the employees of the Town of Ellore for their services before and during the storm. He also stated that Orangeburg County cleaned the drains so the town had no reports of flooding. The Mayor also stated that after the storm the town was inundated with cars trying to get after being evacuated for the hurricane. The Police Department had all 4 vehicles around Hwy. 6 with lights on trying to slow traffic down and get everyone home safely.

VIII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Mayor Fanning stated the Ms. Freda Trupiano would not be in attendance tonight due to her mother being ill and in the hospital. The Clerk's report will be sent to the council members and also be available at next council meeting. Mayor Fanning stated that the Labor Day Picnic was very successful and the fireworks turned out great. A lot of boiled peanuts, hamburgers and watermelon was enjoyed by all.

IX. Old Business

Mayor Fanning spoke about the "Pooper Scooper Law" that may be in consideration. A municipal code which would require that anyone with a dog in a public place shall have in their possession a device or equipment for the picking up and removal of animal feces. Any person with a dog must remove feces left on any public place and dispose of them in a sanitary manner. The first time a person would be given a warning and after that a fine in a dollar amount to be determined. This would have to go through 3 readings then voted on by council.

X. New Business

Mayor Fanning announced the upcoming dates for the Trash to Treasures, September 21, Trunk or Treat, October 31 and Christmas Parade, December 14. Mayor Fanning stated that it is almost time for the penny sales tax from Orangeburg County. He listed what money can be used for and what it cannot be used for. He stated we need to prioritize the buildings in town that need repair and he also stated that the gym is an option also. The following funds are needed for repairs with in the Town of Elloree: \$200,000 needed for Improvements & Upgrades to Water System, \$190,000 Improvements & Repairs to TOE Buildings and Property and \$17,930 Improvements & Repairs to Joe Miller Park, Loyns Park & Hungerpillar Field.

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment

Council Member Kim Gidron 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 6:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Furtick, Clerk of Court