

Minutes of Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
5:30 PM

Present: Mike Fanning, Mayor
Kim Gidron, Council Member
Chip Davis, Council Member
Laurence Livingston, Council Member
Bill Brandenburg, Council Member
Shawn Murphree, Chief of Police
Leslie Furtick, Clerk of Court
Earl Kinley, Asst. Chief of Police
Freda Trupiano, Town Clerk

● **Call to Order**

Mayor Mike Fanning called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

● **Opening Prayer**

Mayor Fanning provided the invocation and lead everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance.

● **Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from December 9, 2019.

Council Member Bill Brandenburg seconded the motion to approve the minutes and all were in favor.

● **Appointment of Municipal Judges**

Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to appoint Lauren Davis to the position of Municipal Judge. It was seconded by Council Member Chip Davis. All were in favor.

Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to appoint Margo Banks to the position of Associate Municipal Judge. It was seconded by Council Member Chip Davis. All were in favor.

- **Swearing-In Service**

Mayor Fanning invited Judge Derrick Dash to swear in Council Members Chip Davis and Laurence Livingston. Judge Dash also swore in Municipal Judge Lauren Davis and Associate Municipal Judge Margo Banks.

- **Water Commission Report**

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 25 work orders in December and 652 water customers billed. Water loss was at 16% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The next monthly commissioner's meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6 pm.

- **Public Comments, Concerns, Information or Recommendations to Council**

Ms. Claudette Pauling shared her thoughts concerning transportation and activities for the youth.

- **Police Report**

Chief Murphree presented the Police Report for December, 2019.

The Department responded to 30 calls for service. Twenty-three (23) traffic tickets were written.

A stolen trailer was recovered due to the diligence of Ellore Police Department and cooperation received from other agencies and members of the community.

- **Mayor's Report**

The Town of Ellore has signed a contract with McGregor and Company located in Orangeburg, SC to conduct the audits for the next three years.

Work on the tennis court refurbishment and pickle ball courts in late January.

Mayor Fanning reminded the Council to file the SEI report in a timely manner as required by the State Ethics Commission. Late filings could result in penalties of \$100 per day.

● **Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$1747.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$908.66
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$123.88
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$714.46 (Placed in Savings)

She presented handouts outlining Save the Date for Town of Elloree Events 2020. Trash to Treasures will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020. The Elloree Trials will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Ms. Trupiano reminded Council to file the SEI report as required by the State Ethics Commission in a timely manner.

● **Old Business**

None

● **New Business**

Mayor Fanning asked that the Council Members assist in filling the open positions on the Municipal Election Commission; the Planning Commission; and Zoning Board of Appeals by talking to the citizens in their districts that may be interested in serving in this capacity.

Training for these committees will begin in the next few weeks.

● **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 6:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda Trupiano

Town Clerk