

Minutes of Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2020
5:30 PM

Present: Mike Fanning, Mayor
Chip Davis, Council Member
Bill Brandenburg, Council Member
Shawn Murphree, Chief of Police
Earl Kinley, Assistant Chief of Police
Chris Golden, Inv.
Freda Trupiano, Town Clerk
Leslie Furtick, Clerk of Court

● **Call to Order**

Mayor Mike Fanning called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 June 8, 2020. Council Member Bill Brandenburg seconded the motion to approve the minutes and all were in favor.

● **Water Commission Report**

Jane Singh presented monthly reports for the Elloree Water System.

There were 39 work orders in June and 654 water customers billed. Estimated water loss was at 40% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

Also, the water department did not cut off customers or have any late fees accessed during March-June due to COVID-19.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00pm.

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

Public Comments, Concerns, Information, or Recommendations to Council can be emailed to Town Hall and read at meeting into official Council minutes.

- **Police Report**

Chief Murphree read aloud the written Police Report for the month of June 2020.

The department responded to 42 calls for service and 6 tickets were issued.

- **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Fanning took this moment to thank the Volunteer Fire Departments. Stated that they responded to 18 calls this past month alone. Four of those calls were all within the same day.

Mayor Fanning stated that he had met with a contractor about Joe Miller Park, Loyns Park, Depot and the gym. With the penny sales tax, there are several things the town wants to fix or add to these facilities.

- **Streets and Parks Report**

Council Member Chip Davis reported that the Streets and Parks Department is doing a good job.

- **Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

Ms. Freda Trupiano presented the clerk/treasurer report for June 2020.

She also gave the Police Fines Report for the month of June 2020.

The Police Fines Report for the month of June 2020, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$3,597.50
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$2,009.40

- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$169.37
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1,418.73 (Placed in Savings)

- **Old Business**

None

- **New Business**

The 2nd Reading of the 2020-21 Town of Ellore Budget in Title only was read. Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to accept the 2nd reading of the budget and Council Member Chip Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Fanning stated that the Planning Commission had met in regards to the property located at 6081 Old Number Six Hwy. The Commission met to hear the comments and concerns regarding the rezoning of this property. It is zoned for residential now and the owner would like to rezone it to neighborhood/commercial. At the end of the Public Hearing, the Planning Commission chose to meet with Town Council during their meeting immediately following the Public Hearing. No recommendation was made to Council by the Planning Commission. Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to table this request until further information is received and when all council can be present to vote. It was seconded by Council Member Chip Davis and all were in favor.

Mayor Fanning discussed a new face mask ordinance within the town. He stated Orangeburg County had passed the ordinance but left it up to the Municipalities whether to pass it or not. Council Member Chip Davis made a motion not to pass the face mask ordinance and Council Member Bill Brandenburg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Fanning asked Council Member Bill Brandenburg to present the Business of the Year to Helmly Hardware. Also, Council Member Chip Davis presented the Citizen of the Year to Evan Dukes for all her dedication to the Town of Ellore.

- **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 6:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda Trupiano
Town Clerk