

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11, 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  
Freda Trupiano, Town Clerk

● **Call to Order**

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

● **Opening Prayer**

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

● **Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Bill Brandenburg made a motion to approve the minutes from January 7, 2020.  
Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion to approve the minutes and all were in favor.

● **Water Commission Report**

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Elloree Water System.  
There were 40 work orders in December and 648 water customers billed. Water loss was at 17% 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**

None

● **Police Report**

Chief Murphree presented the Police Report for January 2020.

The Department responded to 42 calls for service. 54 traffic tickets were written.

● **Mayor's Report**

Work on the tennis court refurbishment and pickle ball courts are completed. Mayor Fanning gave Council a drawing of new signage that he proposed to be installed at Joe Miller Park informing players that facilities are used at their own risk and that the town assumes no liability for any injury.

Mayor Fanning spoke to Council Members about implementing a Community Recognition Program that would recognize a member of the community for all the hard work and dedication to the Town of Ellore. A "Citizen of the Year" award could possibly be named for someone. He asked Council to consider criteria for selecting honorees. He stated the award could be presented at the end of the calendar year or end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Fanning said he has contacted an out of town property owner who owns 8 acres of land adjacent to a 2-acre tract already owned by the town. He is in hopes that the owner would be willing to sell all or part of the land to the town so that a landfill for yard debris (limbs and leaves) could be established.

Mayor Fanning also stated that Calhoun County's recreation director has invited all Ellore children to participate in the recreational program at the John Ford school site.

● **Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$3,652.80
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1,996.88
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$183.78
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1,472.14 (Placed in Savings)

Also, Ms. Trupiano reminded everyone the Trash to Treasures will be March 14 from 8:00-2:00. The Ellore Trials will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020.

She stated Business License Renewals will be processed and mailed out by the end of the month. Renewals are due back to Town Hall by March 31, 2020.

She spoke briefly about the federally designated Opportunity Zones that offer tax credits for those investing in those particular locations.

- **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. He also reminded Council to fill out their Statement of Economic Interest.

Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to elect Council Member Kim Gidron as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Council Member Laurence Livingston and all were in favor.

- **Adjournment**

Council Member Laurence Livingston 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 5:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda Trupiano  
Town Clerk