

Minutes of Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020
5:30 PM

Present: Mike Fanning, Mayor
Chip Davis, Council Member
Laurence Livingston, Council Member
Bill Brandenburg, Council Member
Shawn Murphree, Chief of Police
Chris Golden, Investigator, Police Department
Freda Trupiano, Town Clerk

● **Call to Order**

Mayor Mike Fanning called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 February 11, 2020. Council Member Chip Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes and all were in favor.

● **Water Commission Report**

Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 40 work orders in February and 648 water customers billed. Water loss was at 19% 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, March 10, 2020 at 6 pm.

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

Mr. Daniel Boulbrick addressed Council regarding recreation for children. He asked if the Harlin Street Gym would be repaired soon and open for use by town citizens.

Mayor Fanning spoke again about Calhoun County's full-time recreation department invitation for the children of Elloree to participate in their programs. The Town of Santee has also advertised their recreation program locally.

Mayor Fanning stated the Gym is not safe for use at the present time; however, Orangeburg County Council, in junction with the next round of Penny Sales Tax dollars, would like to bring the building up to code for use by the Boys and Girls Club of America.

● **Police Report**

Chief Murphree presented the Police Report for February 2020.

The Department responded to 48 calls for service. 73 traffic tickets were written.

The Department is currently following up on one commercial break-in.

He anticipates that between 15 to 20 police officers from local agencies will be on hand to assist with the Trash to Treasures on March 14, 2020 and the Elloree Trials on March 21, 2020.

Chief Murphree introduced the newly hired officer, Investigator Christopher Golden. Investigator Golden brings 21 years of law enforcement experience to the Town of Elloree.

● **Mayor's Report**

The Town of Elloree requests that two dumpsters from Orangeburg County are provided to the Elloree Trials each year. The county also schedules litter pick up on Harlin Street. Our Streets and Parks Department will also assist in the clean-up. Mayor Fanning and a group of volunteers also plan to help.

The SCDOT has placed Harlin Street on their list for pothole repairs.

Mayor Fanning extended an invitation to Council members to provide the welcome speech at the Trials.

- **Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$2132.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$1045.71
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$204.09
- 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. Twenty-one vendors and 2 food vendors have signed up to participate in the event. The band, Southern Crossroads is scheduled to entertain.

The Ellore Trials will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020.

She stated Business License Renewals have been mailed. Renewals are due back to Town Hall by March 31, 2020.

The Town has not yet received the completed Audit 2017-2018 from Murdaugh and Associates. Mayor Fanning stated he will follow up with them later this week.

The restroom at the Holman Parking Lot is expected to be repaired from recent vandalism. It is expected to be open for Trash to Treasures.

- **Old Business**

None

- **New Business**

Mayor Fanning reminded Council to fill out their Statement of Economic Interest.

- **Executive Session**

Council Member Chip Davis Made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. The motion was seconded by Council Member Laurence

Livingston. All were in favor. Council adjourned and entered into Executive Session at 5:49 pm. A motion was made to leave Executive Session by Council Member Chip Davis and was seconded by Council Member Bill Brandenburg. All were in favor. Executive Session ended at 6:52 pm.

Council returned to Council Chambers and reconvened at 6:53 pm. Council Member Laurence Livingston made a motion to enter into contract with Signarama for a LED sign with financing to be arranged. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bill Brandenburg. 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 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda Trupiano
Town Clerk