

**Minutes of Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 11, 2020**  
**5:30 PM**

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

● **Call to Order**

Mayor Mike Fanning called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.  
The meeting was held outside of Council Chambers in Lafayette Alley to encourage social distancing.

● **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 March 09, 2020. Council Member Bill Brandenburg seconded the motion to approve the minutes and all were in favor.

The scheduled April 13 Council Meeting was cancelled to be in compliance with the COVID-19 recommendations to slow the spread of the virus.

● **Water Commission Report**

None at this time

● **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 presented the Police Report for March and April 2020.

The Department responded to 86 calls for service. 74 traffic tickets were written. There were 5 warrants served.

Chief Murphree presented Ellore Fire Department with a Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition for outstanding service. Chief Craig Hill, of the Ellore Fire Department, accepted the certificate on behalf of his department.

● **Mayor's Report**

The town's COVID-19 response resulted in the lobby being closed to the general public; However, town hall has been staffed during the pandemic. Assistance has been provided to those individuals needing to pay traffic fines, purchase Business License, Notary Services and other business as needed. Staff has been available by phone and email also.

Mayor Fanning thanked Chief Shawn Murphree and Town Clerk Freda Trupiano for diligence in procuring PPE and cleaning supplies for the Town Hall Staff, Streets and Parks Staff, and the Police Department.

The Town of Ellore temporarily enacted a 10:00 pm to 6:00 am curfew effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020 for unsupervised children 17 years of age and under. Since most businesses are closed by 10:00 pm, the curfew has assisted law enforcement by reducing the amount of foot traffic late at night in the town.

While Joe Miller Park and Loyns Park remain closed temporarily, the walking trail at Joe Miller Park has remained open for those wishing to walk while practicing social distancing.

Mayor Fanning announced that the Town of Ellore will follow the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association's plan for reopening playgrounds, athletic fields, indoor facilities and athletic tournaments/events.

He stated that we are currently in Phase One and Two of their plan. Phase Four Will allow us to open the Picnic Shelter and Ballfields. We hope to see these openings

By Mid-June Early-July.

- **Clerk/ Treasurer Report**

Ms. Freda Trupiano presented the clerk/treasurer report for March and April 2020. She also gave the Police Fines Report for the months of March and April 2020.

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$9123.50
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$4524.41
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$513.69
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$4085.40 (Placed in Savings)

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

- Total Fines Collected: \$2392.00
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$760.15
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$89.89
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$1541.96 (Placed in Savings)

- **Old Business**

Mayor Fanning announced that the 2017 Audited Financial Statements are completed by Murdaugh and Associates. The completed Audit was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting.

- **New Business**

The First Reading of the 2020-21 Town of Elloree Budget in Title only was presented by Mayor Fanning. A motion to approve the budget in title only was made by Council Member Laurence Livingston and seconded by Council Member Bill Brandenburg. All were in favor and Town of Elloree Budget in Title only passed.

The accounting firm, McGregor and Company, has started work on the 2018 Budget already. Mayor Fanning mentioned that there is a possibility that the Town will be paying for completion of two audits in the coming fiscal year and this will need to be

taken into consideration when budgeting. He also mentioned that the amount received from Aid to Subdivisions varies each year and is projected yearly income.

As a Point of Emphasis, Mayor Fanning reminded the Community to complete their 2020 Census. He encouraged everyone present to take a few minutes and go online and complete or return by mail, your 2020 census questionnaire. He shared that this is very important. Many state and federal programs and grants will be awarded from the census information.

It was announced that Councilman Davis would be coordinating the work of the Streets & Parks Department. Mr. Davis will be assisting in scheduling and day-to-day operations of the department.

● **Adjournment**

Council Member Chip Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Council Member Kim Gidron. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Freda Trupiano  
Town Clerk