

**City of New Ellenton
Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton Community Center
MINUTES**

Monday, June 15, 2020

7:00 PM

WELCOME: Vernon Dunbar

INVOCATION: David Dunbar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:

Council present – Vernon Dunbar, David Dunbar, Sr., Ron Reynolds, Sammie McDuffie III, Terence Williams (after roll-call)

Others present -Zorayda El, Alesia Parks(Chief of Police), Faye Durham, Sergeant James Mitchell, Jim Castorwort, Maria Tamimi-Bush, Timothy Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers, Jr. & Roger Leduc(City Administrator)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

* **Jim Castorwort**-came to ask council if zoning would permit splitting parcel of mobile home park (park includes Peggy Lane) in order to build shop and office building. Also, he would like to update and make improvements. Roger, City Administrator, advised that zoning changes may be in progress to include mobile home park being zoned for the aforementioned improvements. The new zoning manual is in progress and will be presented to council upon completion. At this time, if zoning application were done it would be based on existing criteria.

***Timothy Wright**- Started a community based organization called P.U.S.H. and he would like to have a peaceful gathering and voter registration to begin at Bi-Lo parking lot and walk through the city on Saturday, June 20 @ 2pm. He, also, asked that council and police have a presence. Council encouraged that without advance coordination with law enforcement, Saturday is too soon to ensure police would be able to block street. Mayor asked that Timothy contact them later in the week to discuss a plan for something in the future.

***Faye Durham**-Asked if there were plans to cancel the Atomic City Festival in October this year. She added that the event was a good time and if it will go forward this year it would be good to know ahead of time.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

May 18, 2020- Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2nd Reading of 2020-2021 Budget

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. 2nd Reading of 2020-2021 Millage Rate

Motion to approve: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

3. Approval of Waste Management Agreement-to include \$.50 increase; no city-wide pick up for recycling; new roll carts for every customer

Motion to approve: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss 2020 Atomic City Festival-Determination will be made at July meeting based on most recent health recommendations.
2. Crowning Lupus Back to School Bash –Council approved previously, but would like to know at next Council meeting what accommodations will be made to ensure the safety of the children and volunteers.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

***Mayor-** The City will be partnering with Aiken Electric Cooperative to have free COVID-19 testing for the community and surrounding areas. We will be notified of specific date of testing.

***Sammie McDuffie, III-** Little league has officially been cancelled for the year. The McDuffie family appreciates the thoughts and prayers shared with their family after the passing of his Grandfather.

***Terence Williams-** Need to start announcer's booth at field behind NEMS as soon as possible because Aiken County Youth Football League has agreed that New Ellenton will host 4-6 games this year.

***Sergeant Mitchell-** On behalf of Chief: Police trainee Donaldson's academy completion has been rescheduled for June 24th. The department is functioning with limited officers at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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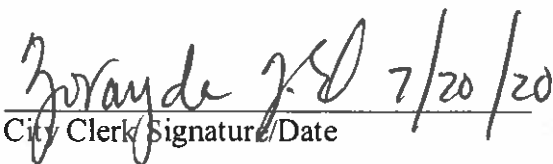
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

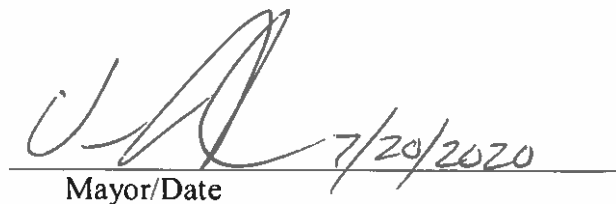
INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

2020/21 Budget
2020/21 Millage Rate Ordinance
2020/21 Budget Ordinance
Waste Management Agreement
Back to School Bash Flyer



City Clerk/Signature/Date



Mayor/Date