

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

Monday, Aug. 17, 2020

7:00 PM

WELCOME: Mayor Vernon Dunbar

INVOCATION: Terence Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:

Council present – Vernon Dunbar, Terence Williams, Sr., Ron Reynolds, Crystal Bing-Smith, Faye Durham, Carl Culpepper III, Jason Morgan

Others present –Zorayda El, Alesia Parks(Chief of Police), Roger Leduc(City Administrator), Joshua Duval, Kendrick Patterson, Christopher Newman, Philip Moore, Marion Parks, Clyde Myers, Jr., James Anderson, Geneva Jackson, David Alexander

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

***Joshua Duval**- BI-LO store policy to not upholding the mask policy/ordinance. Went to Alex (manager)-threatening gesture when asked to make customers wear masks. Mayor suggested should have called the police at the time of incident and encouraged Mr. Duval, "Do not take matters into your own hands."

***Philip Moore**- Bi-Lo has bags of trash that were never picked up behind the building that are full of hand wipes from the store that get blown around everywhere. Mr. Moore has picked up the bags of trash and would like to know the best way to get the issue taken care of, but doesn't want to have a confrontation with management of the store. He would like direction from council as to what he should do or if police would handle contact. Roger Leduc stated that there would need to be a nuisance complaint filed and the police would issue the complaint.

***David Alexander**- The Aiken County Youth Football League has cancelled the season for the upcoming year. There may be changes for the spring that will begin in January. There will be continued applications for grants for lighting and improvements for the football field.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

July 20, 2020- Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

July 28, 2020- Council Retreat-No votes were taken @ this meeting

Motion to approve: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Faye Durham

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Employee Raises

Motion to approve employee \$.50 raises for Administration & Streets/Roads & revisit another increase in 6 months: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

Motion to approve Police raises to include: Jason Morgan

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion to approve: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Crystal Bing-Smith

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Approval of Council Committees: Listed Below

Admin.-Mayor Vernon, Terence Williams

Police-Mayor Vernon, Ron Reynolds, Terence Williams

Recreation-Terence Williams, Faye Durhma, Jason Morgan

Communications-Ron Reynolds, Carl Culpepper III, Crystal Bing-Smith

Special Events-Crystal Bing-Smith, Carl Culpepper III, Faye Durham

Public Works*-Ron Reynolds, Carl Culpepper III, Jason Mason

Sewer*-Mayor Vernon, Terence Williams, Ron Reynolds

Business*-Faye Durham, Jason Morgan, Crystal Bing-Smith

Short Term Committee: City/PW Commissioner-Mayor Vernon, Jason Morgan, Ron Reynolds

Motion to approve: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

3. Selection of Engineering Firm Thomas and Hutton, to Complete RIA Application and to Provide Engineering for Wastewater Plant Improvements: \$5,500 to complete RIA application-cost will not be refundable through grant

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

4. Approval of Engineering Contract with Thomas and Hutton: 10% of total cost to be paid for improvements to include plans and design specification @ \$500,000 grant max

Motion to approve: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

5. Comprehensive Plan-Steps Forward-Election of subcommittee to include Mayor Vernon, Faye Durham, Ron Reynolds to review plan and present suggestions to council.

*Roger will contact Emory at Lower Savannah to arrange date for meeting with subcommittee

Motion to approve subcommittee: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

1. Report from Special Events Committee

***Crystal Bing-Smith**-14 people attended the meeting and are ready to volunteer. Discussion of a Fall Festival called "Get to know your neighbor" on November 7th from 3-8pm. The Festival would include sponsors and donations only for a bouncy house, Atomic City Car Club, Ecology Lab exhibit. Bouncy houses will have a limit and socially distant. There will be a follow-up meeting August 20th.

***Terence Williams**- Harvest Food Bank would like to do a giveaway in the community. They will need at least 6 volunteers for Thursday, August 20th, 2020.

***Mayor Vernon**- Commission of Public Works subcommittee are scheduled to meet August 25th, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Police Dept.- Personnel Matter.

Enter @ 7:53pm

Motion to approve entering executive session: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

Exit @ 8:33pm

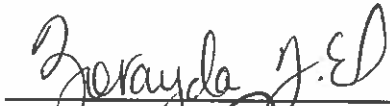
Motion to approve release of employee pending city attorney recommendation: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

 9/21/20

City Clerk Signature Date

 9/21/20

Mayor/Date