

City of New Ellenton
Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton Community Center
MINUTES
Monday, October 19, 2020 7:00 PM

WELCOME: Mayor Vernon Dunbar

INVOCATION: Crystal Bing-Smith

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 – Maria Bush, Alesia Parks(Chief of Police), Roger Leduc(City Administrator), Joshua Duval, Eric Carrier, Geraldine Bradham, James Andersen, Geneva Jackson, David Alexander, Trey Stephens, Donnie Cooper, Harold Craig

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

***Joshua Duval-** Question on tax bill regarding trash collection, solid waste fee. Also, any mileage rate change?

***David Alexander-** Update for youth programs:, First Tee at Hounds Lake Golf Course will offer free lessons to youths 5-18, probably starting in November or December, more information to follow. Also, Youth Football possible spring season depending on meeting with Aiken County Youth Football League.

***Geneva Jackson** – ARTS Augusta Department of Transportation invites everyone to their new headquarters bus maintenance building on October 22,2020 RSVP by October 21st go to transit.augustaga.gov.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Sept. 21, 2020- Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading of Ordinance to Approve the Comprehensive Plan

Motion to approve: Terence Williams

2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Fall Festival- Saturday, November 7th – Festival Committee agreed to go forward with event. Masks are strongly recommended. Bouncy houses are COVID ready and sanitized.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Opening Up Evans Park and Cleaning of Equipment
Before park can open we need signage clearly displayed regarding City not responsible and/or liable for sickness and/or injury.

Motion to approve JTD Services to pressure wash park equipment out of funds from SRS donation:

1st to motion: Terence Williams

2nd to motion: Jason Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

Motion to approve Steed Paving to refurbish basketball courts for \$7,532

1st to motion: Terence Williams

2nd to motion Ronald Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Presentation of Audit : Roger LeDuc

Required by State Council reviews and accepts then turn over to State.

Page 4 Financial Highlights

"Total assets of the governmental funds exceeded its liabilities at the close of the 2019 fiscal year by \$937,834. Total fund balances of the governmental funds increased by \$58,503 or 6.7%."

Good news, highest increase in recent history of City.

Page 25 - Fund Equity- \$890,798 unassigned money in reserve

Page 45- Capital outlay- actual amounts \$659,163

Doing much better than in past. No questions from Council.

Motion to accept 2019 Audit- 1st- Ronald Reynolds, 2nd - Jason Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

3. Economic Development Committee - Roger LeDuc asked committee to set a couple dates and times to meet to come up with ideas.

4. Zoning Ordinance and Map- need new Planning Commission member to replace Faye Durham. Will need to meet between 1-3 months to make changes to Zoning Ordinance. Need a liaison between Council and Planning Commission. Motion to appoint Faye Durham as Liaison - 1st Ronald Reynolds, 2nd Terence Williams- *There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

5. Discussion of Sewer Accounts- 3 accounts, Revenue, Operating & Maintenance, and Contingency. - Motion to close Revenue account, keep O&M account and keep Contingency account. 1st Ronald Reynolds, 2nd Terence Williams *There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

6. Approval to Purchase Water Meters Water Commissioners asked Council to approve loan for \$600,000 from Community Leasing Partners- 10 year loan- Loan will enable CPW to purchase 25,000 meters plus installation.. Motion to approve 1st Jason Morgan, 2nd Ronald Reynolds
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

***Mayor Vernon-** Asked Chief Parks about Halloween curfew - verified 9 pm as usual. We are not expecting much Trick or Treating. Foreman Church having Trunk & Treat

* **Terence Williams-**Planning another food drive in November. Need announcer booth and goal post for the football field.

***Chief Parks** Officer Owens resigned due to personal problems.

***Jason Morgan** - Restoration of old Police Department coming along, pressure washing, electrical, patching holes, new window and bathroom.

***Faye Durham** Thank you to Streets & Roads for all their hard work cleaning up park. They removed old swing set and old garbage cans.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to go into Executive Session for personnel issue approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

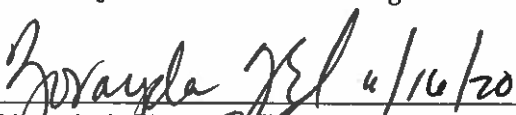
EXECUTIVE SESSION

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Ordinance -Comprehensive Plan

Quotes for Park Cleaning



City Clerk/Signature/Date



Mayor/Date