

**Personnel MCity of New Ellenton
Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
MINUTES**

Monday, July 15, 2019

7:00 PM

WELCOME: Mayor Vernon Dunbar

INVOCATION: David Dunbar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:

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

Others present – Zorayda El, Chief Parks, Sergeant Mitchell, Faye Durham, Lt. Middleton, Gary Bunker, Esther Rickard, Joan Feller, Marian Parks, Ron Feller, Coach David Alexander, Elvira J. Holley, Al Stevens, Maria Tamimi-Bush (after roll call), Roger Leduc(after roll call)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

***Gary Bunker**-Chairman, Aiken County Council-May 1st through early August the capital project funds should begin arriving in the smaller towns to include New Ellenton. Transportation sales tax funds will have to be dispersed through draw down with forms needing to be returned to the county. Advances or reimbursements will be tracked through receipts that show the expenditures. This has been the largest margin in SC history for tax vote last November. During municipal forum there was a concern raised that there isn't a place for municipalities to know what each one may be able to offer or receive if there is a need. If there are any monies left over it must be used on projects that were defined on ballot.

***Ron Feller**-Would like to serve as a needs and availability coordinator for municipalities that would know the needs and communicate those needs to another municipality that may be able to assist. Point of contact designated at each municipality would contact Gary Bunker.

***Coach David Alexander**- Football meeting with Aiken Co. Youth Football League and NE football league is now part of the organization. All games will be in Aiken this season. The concession needs and ice machine ASAP, AED's are needed at the field for compliance, and we will have one year to get an announcer's booth to enable home games. Grant from USA football will be hosting a forum in August.

***Elvira J. Holley**- Feels there needs to be a vision to bring revenue into the community. We need to have a committee to push the agenda. Would like to see community grow and has volunteered to join the BZA.

***Al Stevens**- inquiring land broker interested in the NE golf course and feels that it would be a wonderful place to have homes in the \$160-175,000 range. Roger responded-A housing development would be better as a PUD, but now the area is R-1

***Joshua Duval**-Could there be anything else put into the area where the NE golf course is located? Roger responded-A housing development has the opportunity to add in small shopping area, apartment units, and/or townhomes.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

June 24, 2019- Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Selection of Election Commission Members (1)-Tabled

2. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Establishing Requirements for the Attendance of Member of the City Council at Regular Monthly Meetings of the City Council-
AMENDMENT-1 excused absence per fiscal year; any absence thereafter would be pay on the declining scale (1st absence-excused; 2nd-25%; 3rd-50%; 4th75%; 5th-no pay).

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

4-1 in opposition

** correction of amendment from 1 excused absence per calendar year to fiscal year - also, reflected in ordinance passed 07/22/19*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval to Paint Community Center-Tabled

Council will take a look and get proposal for repairs to be completed at one time. Then City Clerk may request bids. Make caretaker accountable or dock pay if she doesn't pay closer attention to things when they occur.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

***Chief-** Judge Snellgrove has a meeting with all the agencies that Mitchell attended on Chief's behalf. Since then security measures have been implemented and are in place at every court date with someone at the door with a metal detector and a sign that states proper attire.

***Terence-** NE joined Aiken league. Any monies made over \$15,000 will be split between all teams. We will need someone to run concession stand at games in Aiken.

***Mayor-** Eagle Rd./Highway 19 meeting will be held at Zion Fair Baptist Church and is a public information meeting from 5-7pm. Councilwoman Crystal Bing-Smith was hospitalized and is now out of the ICU and moving to a rehab facility in Orangeburg. Please, keep her in our prayers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III

2nd to the motion: David Dunbar

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel Matter- Police Dept.

Enter @ 8:18pm

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

Adjournment @ 9:19pm

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III

2nd to the motion: David Dunbar

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

INFORMATION:

1. Back to School Giveaway – Saturday, August 17th at New Ellenton Community Center-sponsored by "Crowing Lupus".
2. Free Transportation for New Ellenton Residents through Aiken Senior Life Services (803)508-7033
3. Early Registration for Football and Cheerleading

Supporting materials attached:

Roynda JSD 2/18/20
City Clerk Signature/Date

C. A. 2/18/20
Mayor/Date