

City of New Ellenton
Regular Meeting Minutes of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
Monday, Sep. 16, 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 (after roll call)

Others present- Maria Tamimi-Bush, Roger Leduc, Fire Chief Mike Kellems, Chief Alesia Parks, Marion Parks, James Mitchell, Willie Bush, Faye Durham, Geraldine Bradham, Elvira Holley, Chris Caldwell, Linda Bush(after roll call), Christopher Holley(after roll call), Shawn Middleton(after roll call), David Alexander(after roll call)Alqueena Bey(after roll call), Joshua Duval(after roll call)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

***Willie Bush** – Discussed his concerns regarding intersection of Eagle Rd and Old Whiskey. Mr. Bush is not in favor of closing off Old Whiskey and making a cul-de-sac he would prefer just to get a traffic light. The Mayor and Council recommended he go to the next SCDOT meeting or going to office and talking to them personally. Also mentioned that DOT is still in the planning phases and no decision has been made. DOT is still taking suggestions and recommendations

***Elvira Holley-** Presented her guest Chris Caldwell from SRNS who wants to partner with New Ellenton.

***Chris Caldwell-** Manager of Government and Community Relations. for Savannah River Nuclear Relations. Mr. Caldwell spoke of their programs to include community giving.

***Teshante Smith-** Informed us on her organization “I Survived”. The organization is designed for survivors of –life threatening accidents. Ms. Smith stated she is certified in Mental Health and conducts support group meetings. She may be contacted at (803) 357-4936

***Chris Holley-** Discussed his concerns regarding the resignation of Dr. Alford, Aiken County Superintendent. Mr. Holley gave Council the name of Area 5 School Board Representative Jason Crane. He encouraged Council to reach out to Mr. Crane and let him know that New Ellenton does not want rezoning to be reversed because the city has greatly benefited from the rezoning. . Also, he advised Council to speak to both principals from Greendale and NEMS and ask what Council can do to help.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

August 19, 2019- Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: David Dunbar

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Selection of Election Commission (2) Members and BZA (2)

Willie Bush- volunteered to join Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading of an Ordinance to Charge Mitigation Rates for Services Provided by the New Ellenton Fire Department- Mike Kellems explained how a company would recoup fees for services from individuals that don't live in our Fire District and are not paying yearly fire fees. Fees come directly from auto insurance policy not individual and they charge person who is at fault for accident. Mike proposes to use funds for recruitment and retention. Motion to approve on 1st reading: Ron Reynolds, 2nd to the motion: David Dunbar. There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval.
2. Determine PARD Grant Project- Roger LeDuc advised council to make a decision within 30 days on what project they would like to consider for grant. Last PARD grant was not approved because there is a locked gate around the field at NEMS. Improvements to Evans Park or Community Center would be acceptable.
3. Moving Forward with LOST Projects and Equipment- Roger LeDuc asked council to make a decision on what they would like to use money on first. It was discussed that the priority should be the sewer line and hiring a engineering firm to use a television camera to map out the sewer line. The goal would be rehabilitate lines and extension of lines to the rest of the service area. The second item would be the renovation to the Community Center to include painting and installing of chair rails.
4. Status of The Pines Phase IV is ready for final inspection and final plat will be presented to council for approval in the near future.
5. Update on Atomic City Festival- Ms. Eartha Rogers gave the names of sponsors and total amount donated was \$6,450. Balance of Festival account \$5,295. Payments out so far total \$3,324.19. We have a total of 10 vendors registered but expecting many more.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Chief Parks: announced that the Police Department received a grant to purchase new body cameras. Grant totaled \$9,162.72.

Chief Kellems: mentioned that contractors have started clearing land for Station 4 on Colbert Bridge Road. He hopes station will be ready by March or April for Open House.

Terence Williams: announce d that Mt. Zion will be hosting Golden Harvest Food Giveaway Pantry on Thursday, September 19, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Dunbar: Margaret Key Director of The Aiken Center of Substance Abuse will be hosting a Community Listening Session on October 3, 2019 at 5:45 pm at Odell Weeks in Aiken.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 pm

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Eartha Rogers


There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION


INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Ordinance – re: Charging Mitigation Rates for Services Provided for the New Ellenton Fire Dept.
Exhibit A- Mitigation Rates Based on Per Hour



City Clerk Signature/Date



Mayor Signature/Date