

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

Monday, Nov. 18, 2019

7:05 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, Terence Williams, Eartha Rogers

Others present – Zorayda El, Elvira Holley, Mike Kellems, James Mitchell, Donnie Cooper, Bob Brookshire, Geneva Jackson, Joshua Duval, Maria Tamimi-Bush, Roger Leduc

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

***Bob Brookshire**-Chairman of Aiken Co. Republican Party-ordinance specifies there will be a primary.

***Joshua Duval**-ran NE Republican Party-had a meeting to find out who would like to vote Aiken Co. Board of Elections runs NE elections

***Faye Durham**-Christmas tree lighting will be held this year with a new addition of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for attendees to take pictures if they bring their own camera. Corinth Baptist to provide hot chocolate and snack bags.

***CPW**-water main- pressure reducing valve; there is concern if line will be relocated or covered under road. City Administrator, Roger Leduc, added that it should be moved and contract should include monies to cover those relocating costs. CPW should be notified of the meeting, if there is a meeting, with engineers so they may add to conversation from Commission's perspective. CPW should draft a letter to be sent with agreement voicing concerns and Harold from the CPW should be point of contact at 803-652-2862.

***Sergeant Mitchell**-Police won't be using Dodge in Aiken to fix cars. Hopefully, within 6 months they will have new officers prepared to test for academy.

***Mike Kellems-Fire Chief**-Station 4 land clear and building pad installed. Concrete subcontractor set to start slab within 1-2 weeks; well should be in a few weeks; AT&T will work out issue with easement. Project is moving forward.

***Faye Durham-Planning Commission**-Approved chapters 1-3 and they are awaiting final approval. Chapter 5 is next for review. Roger to attend housing meeting with Commission to address issues so that city may allow certain areas to have mobile homes under specific conditions whereas we currently don't allow.

***Elvira Holley-Planning Commission**-Chris Caldwell, SRNS, will let us know about partnership with park project and is ready to write check to assist. Grant training was informative.

***PARD** was submitted and delegation will review and decide how funds will be allocated.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

October 21, 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 (2) Members and BZA (1)-Tabled
2. Update on Sewer Line Project-Roger Leduc met with 3 prospective companies (Cranston, Abraham Land Surveying, Dennis) 10 days prior for interviews for as builds of all sewer lines throughout city. Companies to send proposals that will be narrowed to one chosen to begin projected line mapping.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Highway Project Agreement

Motion to approve: David Dunbar

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Approval of Loan from Industrial Fund-\$100,000 to be paid back in \$5-10,000 increments from General Fund

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: David Dunbar

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

***Mayor**-Willie Bush passed away 11/17/2019-Moment of Silence-

The City may attract more businesses if we complete a needs assessment. SCDOT sidewalks project will begin soon and storm drainage will start early next year.

***Roger Leduc**-We are awaiting bond guarantee from The Pines before plans can be recorded. Upon receipt we will release plans to builder.

***Eartha Rogers**-Dinner for the City employees and council will be provided by BiLo and date and time to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Municipal State Highway Project - Resolution

Zorayda JEL 11/16/19

City Clerk Signature/Date

Looney B. Williams

Mayor/Date