City of New Ellenton  
Regular Meeting of City Council  
New Ellenton City Hall  
MINUTES  
Monday, Dec. 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, Terence Williams, Eartha Rogers (after roll call), Sammie McDuffie  
*Others present* – Zorayda El, Cooper Ress, Tre’ Stevens, Geraldine Bradham, Sergeant James Mitchell, Bob Brookshire, Geneva Jackson, Joshua Duval (after roll call), Maria Tamimi-Bush, Roger Leduc

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** N/A

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**
November 18, 2019- Regular Meeting

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

*2nd to the motion:* David Dunbar

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Selection of Election Commission (2) Members and BZA (1)  
*No volunteer selected-Discussion that Aiken County should be asked to act as the city’s commission. By next meeting, the decision will be made for the county to take over and the change of ordinance will have its first reading. *Bob Brookshire, Chairman, and Faye Durham, President, of the Aiken Co. Republican Party asked for a special meeting to approve the ordinance. Council approved Dec. 30th @ 7pm for special council meeting.

2. Approval of Proposal for Sewer Line Project-City received 7 proposals; Abraham Land Surveying was chosen to complete the project @ a cost of $29,785-company will permanently keep electronic copies and provide the city the completed copy, also. The project will begin in January 2020 and should be completed by the end of February 2020.

*Motion to approve:* Sammie McDuffie, III

*2nd to the motion:* Eartha Rogers

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **1st Reading of Ordinance Modifying the Election Process**

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

*2nd to the motion:* Sammie McDuffie

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

2. Discuss Need for Computer Upgrade-*Clerk to provide quote by special council meeting

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**
Sammie McDuffie- There is a water boil advisory in the city. Early registration for t-ball to begin now and last through Jan. 31 @ the cost of $25/child; t-ball(ages 3-5); Coach pitch(6-8); Player pitch(6-8); Little League(10-12)

Terence Williams- Employee Johnnie Williams has been hospitalized and due to his being out, Curtis has requested to cash out 40 hours and carry over 40 hours because he won’t be able to take full vacation. Chief Alesia Parks will be carrying over 40 hours and cashing out 40 hours due to not being able to take full vacation because the police department isn’t fully staffed. Sergeant James Mitchell will cash out 4 hours due to not being able to take the hours.

Motion to approve Curtis & Alesia cashing out 40 hours and rolling over 40 hours & James cashing out 4 hours: Sammie McDuffie

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Abraham Land Surveying- Proposal