

City of New Ellenton
Regular Meeting of City Council
City Hall Council Chambers
Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

1. **Welcome**
Mayor Dunbar welcomed everyone to and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Invocation**
Councilman Braswell offered the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call for the Record**
Present: Rex Nordeen, Eartha Rogers, Terence Williams, Vernon Dunbar, Deborah Maddox, Daniel Braswell, Anthony Shaw.
5. **Others Present:** Assistant City Clerk Courtney Moseley, City Administrator L.C. Greene, Mike Kellems, Brenda Adams, Patrick Finklin, Phil Stack, Gene Wood, Glenda Henderson, Roger Henderson, Debbie Bauknight, Chief Alesia Parks, Kelly Keenan, Jackie Keenan. There were others present but their names were inaudible.
6. **Approval of Financial Statements**
a) Mayor Dunbar called for a motion. *Councilman Shaw MOVED to approve the financials for December 2009; SECONDED by Councilman Nordeen. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*
7. **Approval of Council Minutes**
a) *December 21, 2009 – Regular Meeting*
Councilwoman Rogers MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2009; SECONDED by Councilman Nordeen. Councilman Williams stated a correction needed to be made to the December 21, 2009 council minutes. Mayor Dunbar called for an amended motion. *Councilman Williams MOVED to amend Councilman Rogers motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes with the necessary corrections; SECONDED by Councilwoman Maddox. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

b) *December 28, 2009 – Special Meeting*
Councilman Braswell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held

on December 28, 2009; SECONDED by Councilwoman Maddox. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **Old Business** – None to report.

9. **New Business**

a) *Application for business license – Kelly Keenan.*

Mr. Keenan requested a business license to open Ray's Rods & Customs and to move the business All American Used Cars, B.K. All American (Welding & Fabrication), to another location. Mayor Dunbar called for a motion. ***Councilman Shaw MOVED to approve the business license for Ray's Rods & Customs; SECONDED by Councilman Braswell. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*** Mayor Dunbar stated that B.K. All American is only moving to a new location and presently has an established business license. ***Councilman Shaw MOVED to approve the business license for B.K. All American; SECONDED by Councilman Braswell. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***

b) *New computer for Assistant City Clerk.*

Mayor Dunbar stated this issue was discussed in the work session.

10. **Report from Police Chief**

Chief Parks gave stats for the month of December. Chief Parks stated there were reported shootings and stabbings at the Sunshine Club on January 18, 2010. Chief Parks stated the Sunshine Club was closed that evening for safety reasons. Mr. Finklin requested a special meeting to discuss the possibility of revoking the license in the neighborhood. Several citizens spoke to the Council and expressed concern regarding the recent incident at the Sunshine Club. Chief Parks responded by saying unless someone comes forward to give a statement or testify in court law enforcement is limited to what they can do. Mayor Dunbar asked the citizens, who were present, what they felt should be done. Mr. Finklin responded by saying he felt the Sunshine Club should be closed and moved to another location.

11. **Report from Fire Chief**

Chief Kellems gave stats for the month of December. Chief Kellems reminded City Council of the awards banquet to be held at the Training Center.

12. **Report from Committees**

a) *Administration* – Mayor Dunbar stated the county engineer is working on the lease for the library. Mayor Dunbar stated a Special Meeting will be scheduled to discuss the lease. Mayor Dunbar stated the Area 5 school district will be conducting a meeting on January 26, 2010 to discuss the possibility of consolidating Jackson Middle School and New Ellenton Middle School. Mayor Dunbar stated the school district is proposing a new middle school to be built at Silver Bluff. Mayor Dunbar stated the school district is also discussing the possibly of redrawing some district lines. Mayor Dunbar stated the census will be arriving soon and volunteers are needed for the Complete Count Committee.

Mayor Dunbar emphasized the importance of filling out the questionnaires due to the fact that is how the City of New Ellenton receives funding for the schools and the town.

b) *Fire Department* – No Report.

c) *Police Department* – No Report.

d) *Streets and Roads and Parks* – Sgt. Ray stated there is a drainage problem on Sanders Avenue and Old Whiskey and Woodland. Sgt. Ray stated no one is working on the drainage issue and washouts are occurring. Mayor Dunbar stated he notified Mr. Berry about the drainage conditions on Williamson. Mayor Dunbar stated he has requested the Transportation Committee pave from Oakridge Avenue down to Sanders on Green. Councilman Nordeen stated there are problems with the pond in front of the Civic Center. Mayor Dunbar suggested obtaining estimates for fencing.

e) *Sewer and Sanitation* – Mayor Dunbar stated Danny Lowe will be returning back to work full-time in February.

f) *Recreation* – Councilman Williams stated he spoke with the Area 5 Superintendent who stated he was speaking with the School Board’s lawyer regarding the lease for fencing at the ball field. Spring sports registration for girls and boys has begun. The Youth Sports Committee is organizing recreation at this time. Mayor Dunbar stated the cost of fencing to repair the back stop will be approximately \$18,000.00.

g) *Technology Center* – Mayor Dunbar stated the Technology Center should be vacated by the end of January.

Mr. Finklin again requested that a Special Meeting to discuss the problems at the Sunshine Club. Mayor Dunbar scheduled a Special Meeting on February 01, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the issues and possible solutions.

13. Executive Session -- Not needed.

14. Adjournment

Councilwoman Maddox MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Councilman Shaw. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Approved. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor’s Signature

Date

Municipal Clerk Signature

Date