

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

Monday, April 19, 2010

1. **Welcome**
Mayor Dunbar welcomed everyone to and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Invocation**
Mayor Dunbar offered the invocation
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call for the Record**
Present: Rex Nordeen, Eartha Rogers, Terence Williams, Vernon Dunbar, Deborah Maddox, Anthony Shaw

Absent: Daniel Braswell
5. **Others Present:** City Clerk Vernel Sanders, Chief Mike Kellems, Chief Alesia Parks, Phil Stack, Gene Rearden, Hank Rowland, Bob Kirby, Gene Smith, Charlie Long, Larry Adams, Brenda Adams, Roy Shaw, Kelley Keenan, Jackie Keenan, Jimily Williams, Doris Green, Daniel Lowe. There were others present but their names were inaudible.
6. **Approval of Financial Statements**
a) *March 2010 -- Councilman Shaw **MOVED** to approve the financials for March, 2010; **SECONDED** by Councilman Nordeen. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***
7. **Approval of Council Minutes**
a) *March 15, 2010 – Regular Meeting. Councilwoman Rogers **MOVED** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2010; **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Maddox. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***

b) *April 1, 2010 – Special Meeting. Councilwoman Rogers **MOVED** to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2010; **SECONDED** by Councilman Williams. **MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 5-1.** (Councilwoman Maddox abstained due to absence.)*

8. New Business

a) *Allen Edenfield – Sewer System Upgrades.*

Mr. Lowe stated a Preliminary Engineering Report for future upgrades to the sewer system was discussed in November, with engineer Allen Edenfield. The actual upgrades included demolition and removal of an old liner, and adding a curtain in cell #1. In summary, Mr. Lowe stated the sewer system was actually too large to accommodate what is going into it, which is starving the bugs in the system. Mr. Lowe stated the curtain would be used to keep everything contained in one area. Mr. Lowe stated the next thing discussed would be to replace the gas correlating system with something safer, such as a calcium hypochlorite system for dissipation purposes. Next there would be lift station upgrades to be ready for future developments. Mr. Lowe stated there would also be the addition of a 20x20 chemical feed building consisting of calcium hypochlorite, if chosen, sodium soda ash, and any other chemical possibly chosen. Mr. Lowe stated another project would be an upgrade of the electrical motor on the aerator pump and the lift station pump with something more energy efficient. Mr. Lowe stated the engineer stated the City would save 10% on the electrical bill if the motors were upgraded. In addition there are spare parts and the development of waste water system acceptance standards. Mr. Lowe stated a developer is expected in the City of New Ellenton, but there are no standards in place at this time. Mr. Lowe stated specifications need to be in place for the developer to abide by with the City of New Ellenton. An engineer would be needed to conduct inspections. Mr. Lowe stated the cost to complete the project is \$330,000.00. Mr. Lowe stated he would create the waste water acceptance standards and submit it to City Council for approval. Mayor Dunbar stated the council members will vote to allow the engineer to inspect the installation of the overall sewer line for the new development. Mr. Rowland asked if the engineer has provided an estimate for conducting the inspection at the sewer system. Mr. Lowe stated he provided the Preliminary Engineering Report for \$3,000.00, which is needed before it can be submitted to DEHEC or anyone else. Mr. Rowland suggested patching the liner and was informed by Mr. Lowe that it could not be patched. Mr. Rowland suggested applying for grants. Mayor Dunbar stated the Preliminary Engineering Report needed to be in place before grants could be applied for in order to know the amount of funding to ask for. An unidentified speaker asked whether this should have been considered before the Keystone project was approved. Mr. Lowe stated there was enough capacity at the waste water plant at the present time to support the Keystone project. An unidentified speaker asked how many homes were needed in order to feed the bugs at the waste water plant. Mr. Lowe stated the plant is presently bringing in approximately 70,000 gallons with an estimated 300 homes. Mayor Dunbar called for a motion. ***Councilman Nordeen MOVED to allow the engineer to inspect the man holes and sewer lines on each phase; SECONDED by Councilwoman Rogers. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***

Mayor Dunbar stated this is more like repair as opposed to sewer upgrades. Mayor Dunbar stated the lift station is malfunctioning and each time it malfunctions sewer backs up in the Mayor's office. City Clerk Sanders stated the men and ladies restroom are also affected by this. Mayor Dunbar stated a bid was submitted in the amount of approximately \$600.00 to replace the lift station pump with the same model presently

used by the City. Mayor Dunbar called for a motion to amend the agenda.
Councilwoman Rogers MOVED to amend the agenda to add the lift station pump; SECONDED by Councilman Nordeen. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) *Replacing lift station pump outside of City Hall due to emergency situation.*
Councilwoman Rogers MOVED to allow Mr. Lowe to purchase the lift station pump outside of City Hall; SECONDED by Councilwoman Maddox. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Councilman Shaw asked if the main reason for having the engineer inspect and approve the sewer system is so City Council would not be held responsible should anything go wrong later. Mr. Lowe stated it is security for City Council, as well as the incoming City Council. Mayor Dunbar stated there were different type pipes installed throughout the town that was creating problems and was not discovered until after the fact.

9. Report from Police Chief

Chief Parks gave stats for the month of March. Chief Parks stated there were 140- traffic cases, 30-calls for service, 38-warnings, and 10-arrests.

10. Report from Fire Chief

Chief Kellems stated six new members have joined the fire department within the last two months, four being under the age of 25.

11. Report from Committees

a) *Administration* – Councilman Williams thanked everyone for their support and encouraged the new city council to move forward and try to work for everyone. Mayor Dunbar informed everyone that City Administrator Greene has been ill but home from the hospital and recuperating. Mayor Dunbar also took the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and expressed it was an honor and privilege to serve as the Mayor of New Ellenton. Mayor Dunbar stated he would continue to remain involved and wanted to congratulate the new incoming council members and wish them luck. Councilwoman Maddox thanked everyone and also congratulated the new incoming council members. Councilwoman Maddox also thanked the council and stated she enjoyed being on City Council for the last four years and hopes the City of New Ellenton will continue to grow.

b) *Fire Department* – No Report.

c) *Police Department* – No Report.

d) *Streets and Roads and Parks* – Councilwoman Rogers informed everyone of the passing of Mr. Murphy's niece and aunt. Another employee with Streets and Roads suffered a back injury at New Ellenton Middle School, but has returned to work. City Clerk Sanders stated she was informed by the County sign shop of a Federal mandate to replace signs throughout the City of New Ellenton at no cost. City Clerk Sanders also stated an agreement was in place for the County to use the City's backhoe to remove existing cement posts and replace with new ones. Mr. Rowland asked about the condition of Williamson Avenue. Mayor Dunbar stated the County has stabilized

Williamson Drive. Councilman Shaw and Councilwoman Maddox stated Crush n Run had been added. Councilman Nordeen stated there was a speed limit sign down at the ‘Y’ near Old Whiskey, which would need to be replaced. Councilwoman Rogers thanked everyone for their support and mentioned that all of their signs were torn down and destroyed during the election.

e) *Sewer and Sanitation* – No Report.

f) *Recreation* – Councilman Nordeen stated he was informed that Jackson did not give the New Ellenton girls softball team any home games. All games are being played in Jackson. City Clerk Sanders stated registration for cheerleading has begun. City Clerk Sanders stated fundraisers are in place to offset the \$175.00 cost for registration and uniforms.

12. Adjournment

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

Mayor’s Signature

Date

Municipal Clerk Signature

Date