

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

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**Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

**1. Welcome**

Mayor Anthony Shaw welcomed everyone to and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation**

Councilman Daniel Braswell offered the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Roll Call for the Record**

**Present:** Terence Williams, Rick Crosby, Rex Nordeen, Anthony Shaw, Daniel Braswell, Roy Shaw.

**Absent:** Deborah Maddox

**Others Present:** Assistant City Clerk Courtney Moseley, Chief Mike Kellems, Chief Alesia Parks, Glenda Henderson, Roger Henderson, Captain William Cook, Carrie Patterson, Bobby Kite, Sabrina Cummings, Doris Bing, Maxine Adams, Kiesha Merriweather, Kelly Keenan, Jackie Keenan, Tracy Burroughs. There were others present but their names were inaudible.

**5. Approval of Financial Statements**

**a) December 2011** – Mayor Pro Tem Rex Nordeen *MOVED to accept the financials for December 2011; SECONDED by Councilman Braswell. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**6. Approval of Council Minutes**

**a) December 19, 2011 – Work Session.** Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen *MOVED to accept the Work Session minutes for December 19, 2011; SECONDED by Councilman Terence Williams. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**b) December 19, 2011 – Regular Meeting.** Councilman Williams *MOVED to accept the Regular Meeting minutes for December 19, 2011; SECONDED by Councilman Rick Crosby. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**c) January 3, 2012 – Special Meeting.** Councilman Roy Shaw *MOVED to accept the Special Meeting minutes for January 3, 2012; SECONDED by Councilman Braswell. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**7. Report from Police Chief**

Chief Alesia Parks: “For the month of December, there were 140 Calls for Service, which generated 14 reports; 51 traffic; and 4 arrests.”

Chief Parks to Council: “I have placed a letter into each one of your boxes. If y’all could just read it I would appreciate it.”

Councilman Braswell: “Was it pretty recently?”

Chief Parks: “Yes.”

Mayor Shaw to Assistant City Clerk Moseley: “Courtney, would go get it so we can read it while we’re still in the council meeting?”

Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "Sure."

## **8. Report from Fire Chief**

Chief Mike Kellems: "Closing out the month of December we ended up running 310 calls for the year 2011. Recertification classes begin Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. That's the next step for firefighters to obtain a Firefighter 2 certification through the South Carolina Fire Academy. I also have a request. On our district line pretty much all of our major roads coming in and out of our fire district we only have one sign up that says anything about entering or leaving the fire district. I don't have any prices or anything yet but I'm going to get some prices and stuff. There's about eight roads that I really. Banks Mill, both ends of 278, like coming in around the pond like on Gray Mare Hollow Road and stuff like that. I'll get obviously some prices and stuff because that's another thing that's really [inaudible] but I want to put one on each side entering and leaving our fire district."

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "Courtney can the county... (Inaudible)"

Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "I missed that whole thing, I was out. What was that?"

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "The signs for the fire district the folks you know at the county they're in the maintenance part or in the get the sign parts?"

Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "What type of sign is this?"

Chief Kellems: "Will they make signs for us like say entering or leaving New Ellenton fire district?"

Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "Probably so since those would just be like information signs right? But I can check."

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "Yeah."

Chief Kellems: "I will get with you later."

Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "Yes get with me tomorrow."

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "The county may already have some printed as far as fire district."

## **9. Report from Committees**

### **a) Administration -**

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "I did get notified by the County. They are starting to take up the books and move the books to the new library. During this down time the library bus will be here one day a week that will be parked at the old library while we're doing the transition. Also the dedication ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. I don't have a time yet. The lawsuit The Pines on White Pond that lawsuit is still pending. They're still going through lawyer stuff before it goes to court."

Mayor Shaw: "It was discussed during Work Session the bid on the parking lot pavement out here. Nobody on City Council actually received a copy of the bid. All we received was a piece of paper with scribbling on with prices with what the bid was on the parking lot paving job. We asked for copies of the bids after it had been voted on. I do have a copy of it but it was not actually the full copy of the bid. So what happened, according to what I'm looking at is the bid was voted on without nobody on City Council actually getting to see a copy of the bid or what work was going to be done. All we seen was a piece of paper that had scribbling on it with numbers on it. I don't feel like that was actually satisfactory. I think council members would have liked to have seen a copy of the bid on the paving on the parking lot before it was voted on. That's one reason I did not vote for it but I just want to let everybody know that's where I stand on that and that's what happened with the bid on the paving of the parking lot so if it's not satisfactory I don't want anybody to talk to me. They can talk to the rest of the Council that voted in

favor of it because we didn't even know if it was going to have concrete curbs or what we were going to have here or anything. Nobody ever seen a copy of the bid. All we seen is a piece of paper with numbers on it."

**b) Fire Department -**

Councilman Crosby: "I had mentioned to the guys and ladies that were here during the Work Session that Saturday night they had a pretty bad fire on North Street and that was the fire department's awards dinner and I went out there to the fire and I have already told Mike how great a job they did. They had I don't know four other fire departments, I can't remember."

Chief Kellems: "Jackson, Silver Bluff, and Montmorenci."

Councilman Crosby: "They got up from the dinner, what they're supposed to do. I understand that. That's their job. They left the dinner and they kind got back like at 12:30 at night but they worked real good and I just commended him on doing a good job and the fire department."

Chief Kellems to Councilman Crosby: "Thank you."

Councilman Williams: "I was there at the dinner and as you just said I think they need to be commended like you said for the way they got up and just walked out. Everybody went and did their job and took them three to four hours to do it and me as a citizen I'd just like to thank the fire department from me."

Chief Kellems to Councilman Williams: "Thank you again."

**c) Police Department -**

Councilman Williams: "We need to have a Work Session on this letter that we just received."

Mayor Shaw: "I don't see where I'll be here for it anyway."

Councilman Williams to Mayor Shaw: "Well, you need to be here."

Mayor Shaw to Councilman Williams: "Well, maybe you need to be here but I don't."

Councilman Williams: "We need to get both sides of any story so that's... (Interrupted)"

Mayor Shaw: "Okay, well you can have a Work Session go ahead."

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "It would be an Executive Session."

Councilman Williams: "Yes, that's right Executive Session. Do we need to amend the agenda?"

Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "If you guys want to do that tonight you would need to amend the agenda yes and you need to vote on that."

Mayor Shaw: "No we can't amend it. Actually, what Vernel told me in the past once you have an agenda you can't amend it and change it."

Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "You can make amendments to add an item but you just can't vote on it and you guys wouldn't be voting I assume."

Mayor Shaw: "Okay well, that's fine with me."

Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "But that's entirely up to you guys."

Mayor Shaw: "Ok, Streets & Roads, Daniel and Debbie."

Councilman Williams : "I make a motion that we agend the agenda to... (interrupted by Mayor Shaw)"

Mayor Shaw: "Agend the agenda?"

Councilman Williams: "...to add the work session, we're gonna amend the agenda... (Mayor Shaw interjected)"

Mayor Shaw: "We're gonna amend the agenda."

Councilman Williams: "We're gonna amend the agenda to add the executive session where we will have the discussion on the police department...(Councilman Braswell and Assistant City Clerk Moseley interjected)"

Councilman Braswell and Assistant City Clerk Moseley: "Personnel matters regarding the police department."

***Councilman Williams MOVED to amend the agenda to add the Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding the Police Department; SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen. MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 4 -2. Mayor Anthony Shaw and Councilman Rick Crosby abstained.***

**d) Streets and Roads -**

Councilman Braswell: "I don't have anything. Y'all had put on there about repairing the backhoe. The backhoe is down right now. It's going to be a few thousand to several thousand dollars to fix it. We're going to get that fixed before spring comes. We just waited for financial reasons to put that money out over the time of year when it's leanest for us financially. We're going to hopefully get it back going before the spring."

**e) Sewer and Sanitation -**

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "The grant for the sewer extension was sent in. It is number six on the list for the Grant Department. As soon as they, they had two members that they had to swear in this month. It will be the end of the month. As soon as they swear them in then they will get to work on sending the grants out."

**f) Parks & Recreation -**

Councilman Williams: "Talking with Mr. Danny Green we have started our registration for baseball. Baseball and softball registration is \$50.00. Teeball registration is \$40.00. They can sign up here at City Hall Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The concession stand is completed and we're waiting on to get with Dr. Stowe where he's going to issue out the keys to find out and make sure that they know exactly who has a key to the concession stand and then they want to go over some things with the City and the school to make sure that the cleanup and everything is done to their expectations so he's going to get with us and get with the school and we are to have a meeting and the keys will be passed out so the concession stand will be used for the baseball season this year."

Councilman Crosby: "Do they have cheerleading for baseball or just football?"

Councilman Williams: "No, most of the time the girls play softball. They have softball for the girls."

Mayor Shaw: "I entertain a motion we adjourn."

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "Do we wanna do this (presentation for Judge Neal)?"

Mayor Shaw: "That's up to y'all."

Councilman Braswell: "I make a motion we go into...is that what y'all are talking about?"

Councilman Williams: "We'll just do that then...[inaudible]"

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "We want to take just a moment, Judge Neal would you come up please ma'am. We wanted to thank Judge Neal, who was our Municipal Court Judge since 2001."

Judge Carolyn Neal to Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "Thank you very much."

Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen: "Thank you ma'am, appreciate it take care."

Councilman Braswell to Judge Neal: "Thank you."

Councilman Crosby to Judge Neal: "Thank you, Judge, take care."

**10. Executive Session – Police Department – Personnel Matters**

***Councilman Williams MOVED to enter Executive Session for contractual matters and police department personnel matters; SECONDED by Councilman Braswell. MOTION CARRIED on a vote of 5-1. Mayor Anthony Shaw abstained.***

***Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen MOVED to exit Executive Session; SECONDED by Councilman Crosby. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**11. Adjournment**

***Councilman Braswell MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Nordeen. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.***

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