

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

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**Monday, May 21, 2012 @ 7:00 PM**

- 1) **WELCOME**: Mayor Interim Daniel Braswell called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.
- 2) **INVOCATION**: Councilman David Dunbar, Sr. offered the invocation.
- 3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: ALL
- 4) **ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD**:  
Council Present – Eartha Rogers, Terence Williams, Daniel Braswell, Roy Shaw, David Dunbar  
Others present – City Clerk Vernel Sanders, Assistant City Clerk Courtney Moseley, Fire Chief Mike Kellems, Police Chief Alesia Parks, Vernon Dunbar, Reggie Drayton, Rex Nordeen, Glenda Henderson, Roger Henderson, Elijah McDaniel, Cheri McDaniel Braswell, Jackie Keenan, Kelly Keenan, Doris Bing, Allen Edenfield, others present but names inaudible.
- 5) **PRESENTATION**: James L. Williams – Debt at Rental Property  
*Not present*
- 6) **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**:
  - a) March 2012  
*Motion to accept* – Mayor Pro Tem Williams  
*Second to motion* – Councilman Dunbar  
*Approved with 4 in favor and Councilwoman Rogers abstained stating she was not present.*  
City Clerk Sanders stated that was not a valid reason for abstention when the financials had been provided.  
*Councilwoman Rogers then stated she abstained because she had not looked at them.*
  - b) April 2012  
*Motion to accept* – Councilman Shaw  
*Second to motion* – Mayor Pro Tem Williams  
*Approved with 4 in favor and Councilwoman Rogers abstained.*
- 7) **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**:
  - a) April 16, 2012 – Work Session  
*Motion to accept* – Mayor Pro Tem Williams  
*Second to motion* – Councilman Dunbar  
*Approved with 4 in favor and Councilwoman Rogers abstained.*
  - b) April 16, 2012 – Regular Meeting  
*Motion to accept* – Councilman Dunbar  
*Second to motion* – Councilman Shaw  
*Approved with 4 in favor and Councilwoman Rogers abstained.*
  - c) April 27, 2012 – Special Meeting  
*Motion to accept* – Councilman Shaw  
*Second to motion* – Mayor Pro Tem Williams  
*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*
  - d) May 14, 2012 – Work Session  
*Motion to accept* – Councilwoman Rogers  
*Second to motion* – Councilman Dunbar  
*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*
- 8) **NEW BUSINESS**:
  - a) Reassignment of Committees:  
*No action taken – all 3 committee members over Parks and Recreation will not meet at one time as to avoid a quorum*

- b) Purchase of Electric Sign for City Hall:  
Mayor Interim Braswell explained the options for purchasing the signs – two quotes were provided for a sign plus installation; one quote was included for sign only  
*Motion to purchase electric sign from Patterson Signs & Art, total \$21,186.00 – Councilwoman Rogers*  
*Second to motion – Councilman Dunbar*  
Citizen Kelly Keenan stated that a one year warranty would not be enough. City Clerk Sanders stated that City insurance would provide additional coverage for damage from storms (i.e., lighting). City Clerk Sanders also stated that extended warranties are often available. Council decided to check whether or not extended warranty options were available from the companies who provided the original quotes or from outside companies.  
*Motion to table for more information on warranty – Councilman Dunbar*  
*Second to motion – Councilman Shaw*  
*Unanimously favored by a show of hands. Tabled.*  
*Original motion dead.*
- c) Adoption of FEMA/Floodplan:  
*Motion to adopt – Councilman Shaw*  
*Second to motion – Mayor Pro Tem Williams*  
*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*
- d) Cameras for police cars (2):  
Chief Parks explained that a new law requires working cameras in all vehicles, especially for the purposes of charging offenders with Driving Under the Influence; 2 of the patrol vehicles are in need of new cameras and card readers; quotes do not include installation cost of approximately \$300 per camera  
*Motion to purchase 2 cameras for police cars not to exceed \$10,000.00 – Councilwoman Rogers*  
*Second to motion – Councilman Dunbar*  
*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*
- e) Summary of recommendations for Sewer Plant – Allen Edenfield:  
*Motion to send letter to DHEC referencing the capacity reduction (down to 250,000 gallons per day from 1 million gallons per day) for the WWTP – Councilman Shaw*  
*Second to motion – Mayor Pro Tem Williams*  
*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*  
*Motion to implement emergency repairs (to include asphalt lining; operations building; fencing barscreen; lighting; flow meter; dissolved oxygen meter, mower) totaling \$21,000.00 – Councilman Dunbar*  
*Second to motion – Councilwoman Rogers*  
*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*  
Citizen Kelly Keenan had questions regarding the number of customers currently on sewer versus how many are eligible. Mr. Edenfield stated that he did not have an exact figure but estimated it was approximately 300 customers with approximately 100 additional potential customers with the Pines at White Pond Road.
- f) Bumper curbs for parking lot:  
*Motion to purchase 48 bumper curbs from Richmond Supply for \$5520 (plus approximately \$200 for rebar), total not to exceed \$5800 – Mayor Pro Tem Williams*  
*Second to motion – Councilman Dunbar*  
*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*  
Citizen Kelly Keenan commented on not being asked to give a quote on supplying the curbs.
- g) Pave-way of Augusta – Contract change:  
*Motion to approve contract change, total cost of \$1799.44 – Councilman Dunbar*  
*Second to motion – Councilman Shaw*  
Councilwoman Rogers asked for further clarification on what they were voting on. Mayor Interim Braswell explained that this work coincides with the work that has been done with the paving of the parking lot for the library and City Hall.  
Councilman Shaw asked if the flag pole was centered. Mayor Interim Braswell explained that it is in the correct spot; no it is not centered.  
Councilwoman Rogers stated she did not like the City using vendors outside the City. She voiced that she agreed with Mr. Keenan on that point.

*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*

- h) Letter of engagement – Ann Lang, CPA:

*Motion to table to check into having this work done at a lower cost – Councilwoman Rogers*

*Second to motion – Councilman Shaw*

City Clerk Sanders stated that she has checked into this once before and the problem was finding someone who worked with governmental accounting. Secondly, those that were interviewed charged double what we are paying for Mrs. Lang's services, and they did not provide a CPA but sent a bookkeeper.

Citizen Vernon Dunbar stated that Mrs. Lang's services have been well worth the money the City has spent.

*Tabled with 4 in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Williams opposed stating that he did not feel it was necessary to table this given that the work Mrs. Lang does for the City has been invaluable and since her service here we have had good audit reports.*

- i) Bases for Evans Field:

Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that the bases at Evans Field are in poor condition.

*Motion to purchase new bases for Evans Field not to exceed \$400 – Councilwoman Rogers*

*Second to motion – Councilman Dunbar*

*Unanimously approved by a show of hands.*

- 9) **REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF:** Presented by Chief Alesia Parks

For the month of April, there were 127 calls for service, 26 reports generated, 96 traffic cases, and 8 arrests. Also, Captain William Cook went to the middle school and spoke to the students about drug awareness.

- 10) **REPORT FROM FIRE CHIEF:** Presented by Chief Mike Kellems

Chief Kellems apologized for not having exact numbers for the call volume for the previous month; however, they responded approximately 30-35 medical calls which is consistent with the usual call volume per month. Quotes were provided at the last work session and those will be on the June agenda for cameras/bunker gear. Chief Kellems also advised that he had been working with City Clerk Sanders on the budget for the Fire Department and line items will be adjusted to accommodate purchases since the Fire Department is under budget on expenditures on several line items.

- 11) **REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:**

- a) Administration: Mayor Interim Braswell Braswell, Mayor Pro Tem Williams Williams

- Vacancies on Planning Commission
- Mayor Pro Tem Williams thanked City Clerk Sanders and Assistant City Clerk Moseley for a job well done and apologized for not acknowledging them on Administrative Professionals Day last month.

- b) Fire Department: Councilman Shaw Shaw, Councilwoman Rogers Rogers

NONE

- c) Police Department: Mayor Pro Tem Williams Williams, Councilman Shaw Shaw

- Mayor Pro Tem Williams checked with Chief Parks on the status of the prices for the patrol vehicles needed
- Chief Parks stated that Captain Cook is still working on quotes and should have time to finish that up tomorrow.
- Mayor Pro Tem Williams also thanked the officers for their good work.
- Mayor Interim Braswell thanked the officers for their professional response to vandalism that took place at Foreman Memorial Baptist Church recently.

- d) Streets & Roads: Mayor Interim Braswell Braswell, Councilwoman Rogers Rogers

- Citizen Kelly Keenan noted that City sidewalks need maintenance.
- Councilman Shaw noted walking track needs maintenance
- Councilwoman Rogers stated that the sidewalks would be cleaned up by next month.

- e) Sewer and Sanitation: Councilman Dunbar Dunbar, Councilman Shaw Shaw

NONE

- f) Parks & Recreation: Mayor Interim Braswell Braswell, Mayor Pro Tem Williams Williams, Councilman Dunbar Dunbar

- Cheerleading registration has started

- Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that we had another rough spring sport season – no baseball or softball but we did have tee ball
- Mayor Pro Tem Williams stated that Council needs to be more involved to make the sports programs work.
- Advertisement venues were discussed – school handouts, website, utility bills, sign at City Hall
- Concession needs furnishing to be functional
- Mayor Interim Braswell stated that football registration should start now too and volunteered to distribute flyers.

Mayor Interim Braswell stated that budget work sessions need to be scheduled tonight. Council decided on June 4, 2012, at 6 PM and June 11, 2012, at 6 PM.

12) **ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn – Councilwoman Rogers*

*Second to motion – Mayor Pro Tem Williams*

*Unanimously favored by a show of hands. Adjourned.*

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Mayor's Signature/Date

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Clerk's Signature/Date