

City of New Ellenton
Regular Meeting of City Council
City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, July 16, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
MINUTES

WELCOME: Mayor Vernon Dunbar opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilman David Dunbar, Sr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

IN ATTENDANCE:

Council present – Amy Bailey, Eartha Rogers, Terence Williams, Vernon Dunbar, Roy Shaw, David Dunbar, Sr.

Council absent – Daniel Braswell

Others present – City Clerk Vernel Sanders, Assistant City Clerk Courtney Moseley, Captain William Cook, Rex Nordeen, Phil Stack, Finance Bush, Glenda Henderson, Roger Henderson, Elijah McDaniel, Jr., Cheri McDaniel, Jackie Keenan, and Kelly Keenan

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

- 1) June 18, 2012 – Work Session
Motion to approve: Councilman Shaw
2nd to the motion: Councilman Dunbar
There was a unanimous vote, in favor of approval.

- 2) June 18, 2012 – Regular Meeting
Motion to approve: Councilman Dunbar
2nd to the motion: Councilman Shaw
There was a unanimous vote, in favor of approval.

- 3) June 26, 2012 – Special Meeting
Motion to approve: Councilman Shaw
2nd to the motion: Councilman Dunbar
There was a unanimous vote, in favor of approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Reassignment of committees
Administration – Mayor Dunbar, Mayor Pro Tem Braswell
Fire Department – Councilman Dunbar, Councilman Shaw
Police Department – Councilman Williams, Mayor Dunbar
Streets & Roads – Councilwoman Rogers, Councilwoman Bailey
Sewer – Councilman Shaw, Councilman Dunbar
Parks & Recreation – Mayor Pro Tem Braswell, Councilman Williams
Sanitation – Councilwoman Rogers, Councilwoman Bailey
Motion to approve committee assignments as presented: Councilman Williams
2nd to the motion: Councilman Shaw
There was a unanimous vote, in favor of approval.
- 2) Financing for police patrol vehicles

City Clerk Sanders presented two options to finance with Ford Motor Credit.

Captain Cook discussed rotating patrol vehicles.

Questions arose regarding whether or not a resolution is required for the City to incur this debt.

Questions also arose regarding the "term" required prior to purchasing the vehicles for \$1.

City Clerk Sanders assured answers to those questions would be available at the special meeting on July 30, 2012. She clarified that Council is only considering which option of financing they choose at this time. Once Council chooses, the steps at which the City must take to complete the process will then be determined.

Motion to opt for 36 months financing with Ford Motor Credit in the amount of \$70,061.22 –

Councilman Williams

2nd to the motion: Councilwoman Rogers

There was a unanimous vote, in favor of approval.

3) Installation of scoreboard

Motion to table: Councilman Williams

2nd to the motion: Councilman Dunbar

There was a unanimous vote, in favor of tabling.

4) Outfitting the concession stand

Motion to table: Councilman Shaw

2nd to the motion: Councilman Williams

There was a unanimous vote, in favor of tabling.

REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF: Presented by Captain Cook

For the month of June there were 117 calls for service, 13 reports were generated, 29 traffic cases, and 4 arrests. Michelle Holsizer has resigned her position as Victim's Advocate. Chief Parks and Captain Cook are looking into whether or not the City needs to fill this position.

REPORT FROM FIRE CHIEF: Not present

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:

- Administration: Daniel Braswell, Terence Williams
None
- Fire Department: Roy Shaw, Eartha Rogers
None
- Police Department: Terence Williams, Roy Shaw
Mayor Dunbar stated that he received a compliment for one of our officers who responded to a burglary call.
- Streets & Roads: Daniel Braswell, Eartha Rogers
Citizen Kelly Keenan voiced a complaint regarding the sidewalks throughout the City. Councilwoman Rogers stated that Mayor Pro Tem Braswell said the sidewalks had been cleaned. Mr. Keenan said some grass has been cut but that was all and offered to show Councilwoman Rogers where the problem areas are after the meeting. Councilwoman Rogers said she would look into it.
- Sewer and Sanitation: David Dunbar, Roy Shaw
Councilman Dunbar stated a follow-up is needed on sewer projects/repairs that were recently implemented; however, he did not have that information with him at this time.
Whether or not Sewer Director Danny Lowe was in need of assistance managing the waste water treatment facility was also discussed.

- Parks & Recreation: Daniel Braswell, Terence Williams, David Dunbar
Councilman Williams stated football registration is underway and practice is to start next week. City Clerk Sanders stated that only a couple of children had registered and suggested that children not registered not be allowed to participate in practice as this is a liability. Councilman Williams said he did not agree with that. City Clerk Sanders further explained that should something happen to one of the unregistered children, the City's insurance will not cover the cost as this is deemed negligence on the part of the City. Several members of Council voiced that they agreed. Citizen Kelly Keenan stated that is correct since it is an organized sport hosted by the City of New Ellenton, it is not the same as if he were to go out and coach some children at the park. Mr. Keenan then stated he thought the City should "foot the bill" for football registration this year. City Clerk Sanders stated the City does not have the money for this. Councilman Williams stated he thought that was a great idea, but since football usually has no problem with funding, he was hoping to suggest this during the next baseball season in an effort to see that we have a baseball season. Mayor Dunbar stated that he thought seeking donations would be a better suggestion. Mayor Dunbar closed the conversation stating that although the idea of the City "footing the bill" for the sports programs is a good idea, it would take planning and donations to make this possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel matters – salary

Cancelled until later date

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dunbar called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Williams

2nd to the motion: Councilman Dunbar

There was a unanimous vote in favor of adjourning.

Clerk's Signature/Date