

**City of New Ellenton**  
**Regular Meeting of City Council**  
**New Ellenton City Hall**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 19, 2015 7:00 PM**

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**WORK SESSION:** N/A

**WELCOME:** Mayor Vernon Dunbar

**INVOCATION:** David Dunbar, Sr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:**

**Council present** – Mayor Vernon Dunbar, David Dunbar, Sr., Joshua Duval, Terence Williams, Ron Reynolds, Beth Rautio, Eartha Rogers

**Others present** – Elijah McDaniel, Cheri McDaniel, Roger Leduc, Zorayda El, Chief Alisia Parks, Chief Mike Kellams, Chris Austin, Michael Bell, Danetta Parker, Matt Wade, Jim Corley, and Mark Gilliam.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

- 1) Jim Corley and Matt Wade from the First Citizen Bank made a presentation concerning the services and support they offer at their bank. These include on line banking, payroll cards, and remote image deposits among other things. In the future they would like the City's consideration to move their deposit to their bank.
- 2) Reverend Michael Bell asked the City to support the upcoming Atomic City Awakening from November 8 - 12. He asked if the City would allow a banner to be hung on public property and they said no but they could be displayed on any private property.
- 3) Donetta Parker stated that every year the Atomic Festival is in conflict on the second Saturday in October with the Seed Program. Many families in New Ellenton attend this event annually and having festival on the third week allowed them to attend the festival this year.
- 4) Cheri McDaniel-Christ Central reminded everyone of the trunk and treat event to be held in the City Hall parking lot on Saturday October 31.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

September 21, 2015- Regular Meeting

*Motion to approve:* David Dunbar, Sr.

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Terrance Williams

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) At the September meeting Council discussed the repairs to one of the police cars and asked Chief to obtain another price. The original estimate is from Bob Richard (\$3,600) and second quote is from Mundy's at \$1,956.70 for a cam shaft and lifters and \$816.05 for ball joints and tie rod. This was a lower bid and after much debate Councilman Williams made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilwomen Rogers. The vote passed 5 - 2 with Councilmember's Rautio and Reynolds voting no.
- 2) The Mayor discussed the proposal from Aiken Electric Co-Op concerning lighting for the track at Evans Park. Council agreed they like the shoebox lighting with an option to pay less per month for by installing a timer to turn the lights off from approximately 10 pm to 5 am and an option to upfront some of the funding in order to reduce the monthly cost per light. This will be brought back to council at a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) The completed Industrial/Commercial Park Study was presented to council. The next step is to present the report to the Co-Op and the Economic Development Partnership (industrial recruiter for Aiken County). Over the next few years our goal is to obtain funding or further support from the Co-Op.
- 2) We are still waiting on some documentation from The Pines developer and our attorney before finalizing the "Deed of Dedication" for section 2. Council voted that on the City Attorney's approval of the Deed along with the a proper bond or letter of credit the Mayor could sign the final record plat. Councilman Williams made the motion which was seconded by Councilman Dunbar and it was approved unanimously.
- 3) Chief Kellams presented to council a new rescue truck they would like to purchase. He has spoken and negotiated with several dealers and choose FES out of Sumter SC to furnish a design/build truck to meet their needs. Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve up to \$310,000 for the truck and equipment and Councilwomen Rogers second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Atomic City Festival-10am/fireworks @9pm - the attendance at the festival was lighter than usual primarily due to the change in date due to the rain.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Reynolds mad a motion that we go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the fire department. It was seconded by Councilman Duval and was approved unanimously. The Mayor reported no action was taken in the executive session and asked for a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

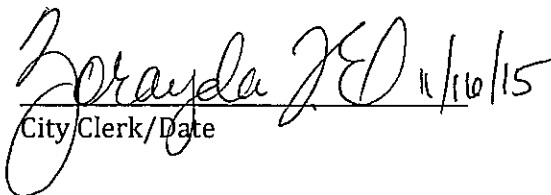
*Motion to approve: Eartha Rogers*

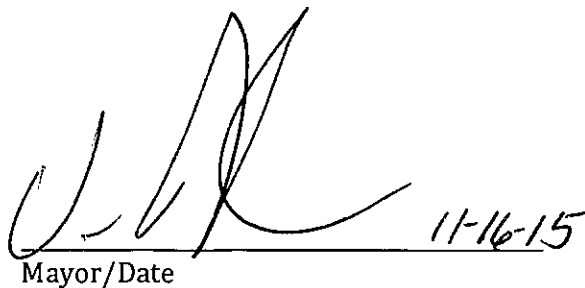
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**INFORMATION:**

- 1) Monthly Reports

  
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City Clerk/Date

  
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Mayor/Date