

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

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020

7:00 PM

WELCOME Mayor Vernon Dunbar

INVOCATION David Dunbar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE All Stood

ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD

Council present – Vernon Dunbar, David Dunbar, Sr., Ron Reynolds, Sammie McDuffie III, Eartha Rogers, Terence Williams

Others present –Zorayda El, Mike Kellems, Faye Durham, Jesse Kent, Jesse Morgan, Geneva Jackson, Ryan McDuffie, Chief Alesia Parks, Trey Stevens, Mike Kellems, Roger Leduc, Sammie McDuffie II(after roll call), Joshua Duval(after roll call)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

***Geneva Jackson**-Meeting for Augusta Regional Transportation-Whiskey Rd. at Eagle Rd. improvement SCDOT has negotiated contract for right of way budget increases for new design. Strategic plan update on Ch. 4,5,6 & 7 were submitted with changes to Lower Savannah Council of Governments.

***Jesse Kent**-“Thank you” to Chief Alesia Parks & Sergeant James Mitchell for making themselves available to assist when there was an issue at a local establishment.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

January 21, 2019- Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Sammie McDuffie, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Sewer Survey

*Council will need to decide to go to Phase II or not to continue. Phase II will include sending cameras in lines to determine next steps and what data the council/committee would like to gather from information that will be available.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Purchasing Park Equipment

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Discuss Changes to City Council Meeting Attendance Ordinance-*Vote amended minutes from 7/22/18

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

4 in favor of approval; 2 in opposition

3. Discuss Sewer Plant Operator Change-*Rusty is leaving as sewer plant operator. Dean Sojile, the current Head of Operations @ Horse Creek with Class A license, comes highly recommended. There will be a meeting on Thursday @ 5pm to determine if he will be hired. Roger feels he is a viable candidate for position

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: David Dunbar
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

***Terence Williams**- Aiken will be adding teams and is interested in using New Ellenton's field. We will need an announcer's booth completed or the city won't be able to receive gate or concession monies for hosting games. *Roger encouraged council to wait until we've heard about PARD grant money before we begin project. That money will allow project to be done without spending all of 1% monies allocated for the booth to be constructed.

***Eartha Rogers**-Jamie (to Fire chief Mike Kellems) did a good job with her sister who is transitioning.

***Sammie McDuffie, III**-There will be a free baseball clinic 2/22/20 from 10-2pm at field behind NEMS and lunch will be provided. Baseball program has been franchised throughout Aiken County and consistently brings in 100 children. Flyer has been sent to Peachjar and will be going to all students with Thursday reports. There will be free registration if at least three businesses sponsor the program. Sponsorship levels as follows: \$350-name on banner; \$250-name on shirts; 2 people stated they will give bids for getting field ready for football and they will be looking for year round maintenance. The field may need new bleachers. Little league insurance will be in place before camp and will cost \$570 to cover league.

***Mayor V. Dunbar**-Rev. Paul Bush desiring dates to get with group to host interviews at community center that will help people the underserved of the community. There will be a community hiring event @ 104 Sabre Ave. and there will be help for anyone that needs a job or resume'. There are rumors that the city may be getting a Burger King restaurant.

***Chief Alesia Parks**- Thank you to city for the love and support shown during the passing of her Grandmother.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Sammie McDuffie, III

2nd to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION-No action taken during session

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

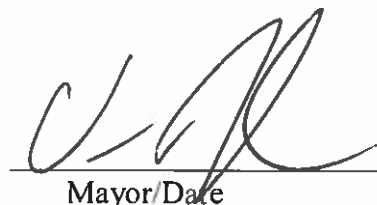
INFORMATION:

Requests for 1% Sales Tax Funds Should Be Made By March 10th

Supporting materials attached:

 5/18/20

City Clerk Signature/Date

 (6/1/2020)

Mayor/Date