

**City of New Ellenton  
Regular Meeting of City Council  
New Ellenton Community Center  
MINUTES**

**Monday, May 18, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

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**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, Crystal Bing-Smith

**Others present** – Zorayda El, Mike Kellems (Fire Department Chief), Alesia Parks (Chief of Police), Faye Durham, Joshua Duval, Daryl Smith, Marian Parks, Geraldine Bradham, Roger Leduc (City Administrator)

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**\*Faye Durham-(Planning Commission)**-Elements 7&9 are being worked; LSCOG meeting planned for the end of May. Planning Commission reached out to First Citizens to find out what businesses may be eligible to purchase the empty First Citizens building in the city. They responded that a financial institution cannot come in for five years after purchase. A letter of concern was sent to Planning Committee from First Citizens and they will not make any changes to current purchase agreement stipulations, but they may entertain different options presented by a serious buyer.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

February 18, 2020- Regular Meeting

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Eartha Rogers

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update on Sewer Survey/Inspection

**\*Roger Leduc-** COVID-19 has delayed completion-mapping will be completed in June and the full job should be completed by the end of summer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2020-2021 Budget**

*Motion to approve:* Sammie McDuffie III

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* David Dunbar

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

2. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2020-2021 Millage Rate**

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Eartha Rogers

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

3. **Approval of Waste Management Agreement-Tabled**

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* David Dunbar

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval to table until June meeting*

4. **Approval of Election Date-July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*Motion to approve:* Sammie McDuffie, III

2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Ron Reynolds

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 election date.

**5. Discussion of New Local Option Sales Tax Projects**

\*Roger to meet with individual committees to finalize projects.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

\***Mayor Vernon Dunbar**- Aiken Co-op/DHEC free screenings will extend availability and have plans to have a mobile testing site stationed in the city. The date will be determined by Aiken Co-op/DHEC at a later time. ACTS would like to do a food drive in the city. The date will be determined at a later time.

\***Sammie McDuffie, III**- Asked that the city look into doing virtual meetings amid COVID-19 pandemic.

\***Chief Alesia Parks**- **Chief has completed the BA program in Criminal Justice**- Sergeant Mitchell was in accident with high speed vehicle and sustained damages to truck, but he is personally well. May 29<sup>th</sup> there is a parade planned to commemorate NEMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates. Everyone will meet at Bi-Lo and be escorted through Main St.

\***Chief Mike Kellems**- Firestation 4 is almost complete; minor cosmetic issues. 60-70% of site work completed. Salary projected in budget is increased due to the growth in the area. Station has been able to have full-time hours Monday through Friday 8-5pm and Saturday through Sunday 8-4pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to approve: Eartha Rogers


2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Sammie McDuffie, III

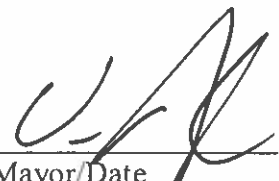
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**INFORMATION:**

**Supporting materials attached:**

 06/15/20  
City Clerk Signature/Date

 6/15/2020  
Mayor/Date