

**City of New Ellenton**  
**Regular Meeting of City Council**  
**New Ellenton City Hall**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 15, 2021 7:00 PM**

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**WELCOME:** Mayor Vernon Dunbar

**INVOCATION:** Crystal Bing

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:**

Welcome - Mayor Vernon Dunbar

Council present – Mayor Vernon Dunbar, Crystal Smith, Jason Morgan, Faye Durham, and Carl Culpepper. Councilmembers Terence Williams and Ron Reynolds were absent.

Others present – Roger Le Duc plus 8 others and 2 officers.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

1. A report was given on the status of the Whiskey Rd./Eagle intersection. SCDOT stated that the project should be bid in November 2021 with construction scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2022.
2. First Tee Golf – about 10 youth from our community are involved in the program which last 8 weeks. Been a great opportunity to-date for our youth.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

February 16, 2021- Regular Meeting

*Motion to approve:* Carl Culpepper

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Jason Morgan

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Roger Le Duc stated that the CPW approved the MOU at their February meeting. We are ready to move forward with the next phase of our mutual contractual agreement with them. He read the title of the ordinance and the mayor asked if there were any questions; hearing none he requested a motion to approve it. Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve the CPW ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and was approved unanimously.
- 2) The mayor stated that we received 4 bids for interior improvements to the Community Center including painting, chair rail and wainscoting. The two lowest bids did not include wainscoting or baseboards in their bid. Council agreed that the bid from Tap Custom Painting for \$8,200 met their approval except they couldn't determine if the bid included the wainscoting and baseboards. Carl Culpepper made a motion to approve Tap Custom Painting's bid for \$8,200 assuming they

included the wainscoting and baseboard. If they didn't include these items the bid will need to come back to council. Councilmember Morgan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

- 3) The mayor stated that the budget included an increased salary for the sewer plant operators. He requested council to consider a \$500 raise for each employee. Councilmember Morgan made a motion to approve a \$500 raise for each sewer plant operator. Councilmember Bing seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- 4) Police Chief Parks asked Council to consider hiring Jeremy Frank as a new police Sargent. He is currently working with the Aiken County Sheriff's department and is fully certified. Councilmember Morgan made a motion to hire Mr. Frank as a Sgt. for the New Ellenton police department. Councilmember Bing seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

### **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Fire Chief Kellems stated that they received the results from the ISO inspection and we stayed at a 4 rating. He hopes to soon announce a date for an open house for their new station near Three Runs.

Roger Le Duc reported that he recently received plans for Phase 5 at the Pines Subdivision. It will consist of 50 new lots and should be under construction this fall. He also reported that we reapplied for a \$500,000 grant from the RIA, primarily for the replacement of the liner in the second basin at the wastewater treatment plant.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None


### **ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to approve:* Faye Durham

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Crystal Bing

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

  
City Clerk/Date

  
Mayor/Date