

**Regular Meeting of City Council**  
**New Ellenton Community Center**  
**Monday, May 17, 2021 7:00 PM**

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**WELCOME** - Mayor Pro Tem Terence Williams

**INVOCATION** - Crystal Bing-Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - All Stood

**ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD**

**Council present** – Terence Williams, Ron Reynolds, Faye Durham, Carl Culpepper III, Jason Morgan, Crystal Bing-Smith

**Others present** – Maria Tamimi-Bush, Roger Leduc, Geraldine Bradham, Joshua Duval, David Alexander, Chief Mike Kellems, Philip Strawbridge, Philip Moore, Kendrick Patterson, James Brinkley, Michelle Henry, James Henry, Courtney Street, Alvin Grindle, Mrs. Grindle, Chief Alesia Parks

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**James Brinkley**- He stated that sewer map are archaic and looks like the Dead Sea Scrolls. City needs to resurvey sewer lines and mark and find all manholes. As a business owner it cost a lot of money to fix sewer problems. Roger LeDuc said we hired Abraham Land Survey to locate manholes but the pandemic stopped all work in 2020 and our contact is no longer with the firm. The company did identify a number of buried manholes, slopes and drew some as-builts. Next phase is televising the lines and house services for future maintenance. We have over \$350,000 from Local Optional Sales Tax to make improvements and hope to be receiving grant for the Water Treatment Plant.

**Phillip Strawbridge** of Aiken County Historical Museum gave a presentation to Council on Aiken County celebrating 150 years. Mr. Strawbridge would like New Ellenton to promote and support celebrations for the Aiken County Historical Museum on our website.

**David Alexander**- First Tee Golf expecting to have another session starting in June. Golf Summer Camp will provide scholarships for those who need financial help to attend camp. Coach David announced we will be playing football this season. Three divisions, ages 7-12. Also, will look into swim lessons through the YMCA.

**Joshua Duval** - Announced he will be resigning from the Election Commission effective immediately because he is moving.

**Mrs. Grindle** - Available for volunteering , Faye Durham asked for name and number to help with the Festival Committee.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 19, 2021- Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

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

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance to Approve Engineering Plans for Section 5 of The Pine

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Carl Culpepper

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Vote on Estimates for Gutters and Downspouts for City Hall  
Motion to approve hiring C&B Roofing for \$1,692.50: Ron Reynolds  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Jason Morgan  
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Budget 2021-2022  
Roger discussed highlights of the budget: Property Tax significant increase due to The Pines. Fire Protection Fees are up. Sanitation up due to added customers. Sewer Admin has a new line item for staff wages. Contingency Funds shows a surplus, this could be seen as an opportunity fund. Fire Contingency fund is also new line item.  
Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Crystal Smith  
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2020-2021 Millage Rate  
Same rate (77.4) mills- no change  
Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Faye Durham  
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval
3. Discuss Cancelling Face Covering Ordinance 01/25/2021  
Motion to approve: Faye Durham  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Ron Reynolds  
There was a 4 to 2 vote in favor of approval
4. Discuss Cost to Conduct Election  
No action required, the County at the last election conducted the proceedings and we will no longer need an election commission. Their disbanding was approved by council in early 2020 before the last election.
5. Vote to Hire Two New Police Officers  
Courtney Street and James Henry both uncertified will need to go to the Academy. Four weeks of training in the Department first to go over policy and procedures and study for cumulative exam.  
Motion to hire Courtney Street and James Henry contingent on passing physical and drug test:  
Jason Morgan  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Ron Reynolds  
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT** 8:22 pm

- Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Carl Culpepper  
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **INFORMATION:**

**Supporting materials attached:**

Ordinance No. 5-17-21

Estimates- Gutter Install

Budget Memo

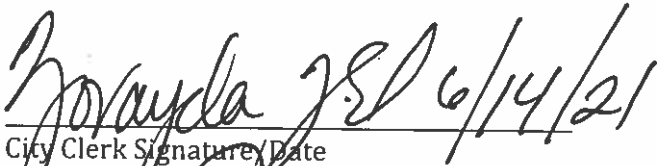
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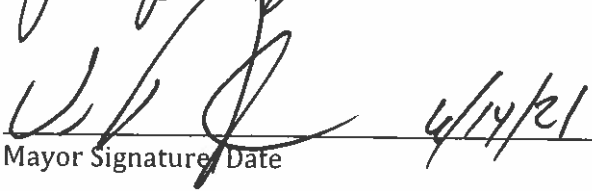
Budget 2020-2021

Face Covering Ordinance 01/25/2021

Cost to Conduct Election

 6/14/21

City Clerk Signature/Date

 4/14/21

Mayor Signature/Date