

**Regular Meeting of City Council  
New Ellenton Community Center  
Monday, June 14, 2021 7:05 PM  
MINUTES**

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**WELCOME:** Mayor Vernon Dunbar

**INVOCATION:** David Alexander

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:**

**Council present** – Vernon Dunbar, Terence Williams, Faye, Durham, Carl Culpepper III, Jason Morgan, Crystal Bing-Smith(after roll-call)

**Others present** –Shaquille Lewis, Kendrick Patterson, Alesia Parks, David Alexander

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Shaquille Lewis**-Resident of The Pines and concerned that other residents aren't paying their HOA fees and asked Council what can be done about that. Council advised that he contact current HOA to discuss this matter because they should have a covenant and board.

**David Alexander**- 1<sup>st</sup> Tee program went well and there are plans for a summer camp to be offered. The camp will begin in the upcoming week and last from June through August from 9-12pm. Financial assistance may be available for parents. Silver Bluff High is having a camp on 6/25-26/21. There is a need for 8-10 volunteers for the gate and concession stand during games at home and at other fields for the upcoming Blue Devils Football season. The defibrillator is of urgent need as they are out of compliance without one at the field. The bleachers need to be power washed and the wood bleachers could be removed. The field is, also, in need of attention.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

May17, 2021- Regular Meeting

*Motion to approve:* Jason Morgan

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Budget 2021-2022

*Motion to approve:* Terence Williams

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of 2020-2021 Millage Rate

*Motion to approve:* Terence Williams

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approve Additional Work to Community Center up to a max of \$3,000 to accommodate for the cost of a better quality countertop

*Motion to approve:* Carl Culpepper III

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

**Mayor Vernon Dunbar**-Jermain Patterson of the non-profit Real Dreamers would like to use the Community Center July 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> for a free financial literacy class for the community.

**Terence Williams**-Dr. Murphy from Aiken County School Board has agreed to do the concrete foundation for the announcer's booth. This will save the city close to \$20,000 of the total for the booth. It will be September or October before the construction will begin. Council was asked to vote for free registration for football and cheerleading to allow more people the opportunity to participate where some may not because of cost.

*Motion to approve free registration for upcoming football & cheerleading season: Terence Williams*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**Faye Durham**-The playground equipment may not be delivered until July 6<sup>th</sup>. Council was asked to vote on how much political parties would be charged to use the Community Center for meetings after Geraldine Bradham has sent a request for the information.

*Motion to approve \$25 deposit for political party meeting to be returned after meeting: Terence Williams*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**Jason Morgan**-The fence line around the park will have to be bid out to a contractor for cutting due to the need for heavy machinery.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to approve: Terence Williams*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Police- Personnel Issue

**Enter Executive Session:** *Motion to approve: Terence Williams*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**Exit Executive Session:** *Motion to approve: Terence Williams*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

*Motion to approve hiring of James Mitchell to the police department: Terence Williams*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**INFORMATION:**

**Supporting materials attached:**

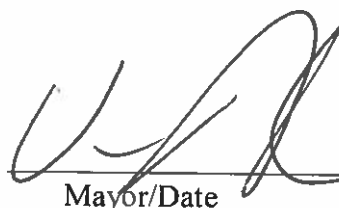
Budget Memo

Ordinance No. 06212021-1

Ordinance No. 06212021-2

Budget 2020-2021

  
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