

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

**Monday, July 19, 2021 7:02 PM**

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**WELCOME:** Vernon Dunbar

**INVOCATION:** Crystal Bing-Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:**

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

**Others present** –Donnie Cooper, David Alexander, Mike Kellems(Fire Chief/Water Commissioner), Geneva Jackson, Gerladine Bradham, Chris Beam, Roger Leduc, Maria Tamimi-Bush(after roll call)

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Geneva Jackson**-Arts meeting: Eagle Rd. updates are on track according to last meeting.

**David Alexander**- Looking to begin football season by the end of July/early August. There is free open enrollment for football. Flyer for remainder of summer @ YMCA is available at City Hall. 1<sup>st</sup> Tee @ Houndslake went well and there may be plans later for the program in the city. Foundation has been measured for concrete to be poured for new announcer's booth by the end of August. There will be an estimate done for A/C to be put into NEMS field.

**Chris Beam**- Was once a previous member of council after sewer issues @ that time there were many volunteers and business involvement. The golf course-old owner had run pipes throughout and came to city to get permission to build well. City deferred to CPW and they were told "No." Beam wondered if town would be willing to look into the situation to increase revenue by allowing it. The issue with water @ home with debri and boil water advisory-would like to have council more involved with control of water issues. What other towns allow water department to run loose? New meter had water bill increased by triple. CPW answered his concerns at the time, "You've gotten water for free for years." Wondered if there could be an open air market for \$20/vendor on a Saturday would help revenue in the city increase. Would like to volunteer for help with concession @ football field.

**Mike Kellems**- Commissioner @ CPW-Director of CPW years ago was Danny Lowe (answered in response to question from Chris Beam concerning who may have made the decision for well). Water Commission meetings are last Monday of every month. Cedar Creek is to have well for irrigation services only-not residential use. Mike asked Chris to come to address any water issues.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

June 14, 2021- Regular Meeting

*Motion to approve:* Carl Culpepper, III

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Faye Durham

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of Aiken County Election Commission Agreement-election will be held in November of 2021 for 1 Mayor seat; 3 Council seats; 2 Water Commission seats

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Faye Durham

*There was a 4-3 opposing vote*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Pay raises for non -police staff members-Increase \$1 for all employees, except Reggie & Albert who will receive \$13/hour as of 8/2/2021-Reevaluation for possible additional increases @ the end of the year dependent upon work performance.

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

2. Vote on contracting a Tree Service for Evans Park-Collins for \$9,250 with funds to pay coming from LOST funds

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

3. Fun Day @ Evans Park-added for vote after discussion during Executive Session

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

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

**Jason Morgan-** Park upgrades are in the works. CPW has installed new meters.

**Faye Durham-**Special events meeting on 6/20/21 & they are working on Atomic City Festival-may have donor who will sponsor entire event to include rock wall, trampoline, karaoke and DJ. Installation of park equipment is scheduled for Friday.

**Roger Leduc-**Slight delay with programming for new billing won't go out until September 1<sup>st</sup>. Would like to have Mayor sign letters to go out to every customer to let them know about upcoming changes to billing. Put announcement on website and sign outside City Hall to remind customers of changes. The Pines development Phase 4 is ready to turn roads over to city and I will go out and inspect to make sure it is ready for bond release. Phase 5 is beginning and working on 9 homes. \*Capital Outlay Program to make sure monies are spent wisely for the upcoming years.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*Motion to approve:* Jason Morgan

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

#### **INFORMATION:**

##### **Supporting materials attached:**

Election Agreement

 8/16/21  
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City Clerk/Signature/Date

 8/16/21  
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Mayor/Date