Regular Meeting of City Council New Ellenton Community Center Monday, August. 16, 2021 7:03 PM MINUTES

WELCOME: Vernon Dunbar

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL FOR THE RECORD:

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

<u>Others present</u> -Chief Alesia Parks, Kendrick Patterson, David Alexander, Geraldine Bradham, Zorayda El, Roger Leduc

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

*David Alexander-Football will be broken down into divisions this week; volunteers needed schedule will be given to City Hall when available. ACTS food drive is the 4th Friday of every month. The concession stand ice machine and A/C quote will be given to council at a later date. The job of recreation director has become more of a full-time job and there should be someone in place. Awaiting Aiken County to update when they will be pouring concrete for announcer's booth. The roll gate on concession stand needs a key. Hopefully, 1st Tee program will begin again in the Fall.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

July 19, 2021- Regular Meeting *Motion to approve:* Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Faye Durham

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval w/correction to show 3 council seats

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 1st Reading of Referendum to Allow Alcohol Sales on Sunday

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a 6-1opposing vote in favor of approval

*The next reading will be held at a Special Council Meeting on 8/23 @ 6pm

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Terence Williams

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Vote on Purchasing Police Equipment

*Tabled until September meeting

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

*Roger Leduc-Council should start thinking about having a salaried position to manage Recreation. There is an opportunity for another 80/20 PARD grant this year. There will need to be a list of what council would like to do by September when grant is due. USDA has money @ 1.8% rate and 40 year term loan that will help with sewer upgrades that are needed. \$2-2.5Million application for sewer upgrades was submitted and

will take 30-60 days for update. Abraham company hasn't finished the job and aren't responding to correspondence, so the next step is city's attorney, Chris Austin, to send a formal letter.

*Chief Parks- September 15 trainees went back to the Academy to test & did well, but will need to retest.

*Faye Durham-Playground equipment still hasn't been fully installed because of weather delays.

*Terence Williams-Consider finding someone to have a person in place for youth sports.

*Iason Morgan-Inquired about letter that was drafted to get funds for Farmer's Market. Roger hasn't heard anything from PARD grant at this time.

*Mayor Vernon Dunbar-Wrote a letter in support of broadband upgrades. Title X cities have received their monies and there is hope that the smaller cities start to get their money soon.

ADIOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Ron Reynolds

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION:N/A

INFORMATION:

Reminder: Nominations due to the Elections Commission preferably by August 20 and no later August 31st.

Supporting materials attached:

Ordinance No. 8-30-21