

**Regular Meeting of City Council  
New Ellenton Community Center  
Monday, Mar. 21, 2022 7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**WELCOME:** Carl Culpepper, III

**INVOCATION:** Elvira Johnson-Holley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**COUNCIL ROLL CALL:**

**Council Present:** Kendrick Patterson; Carl Culpepper, III; Faye Durham; Jason Morgan; Ricky Foster; Elvira Johnson-Holley

**Council Not Present:** Kimberly Williams

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**\*Lynn Taylor-**questions concerning homes being built on the existing golf course; pending sale and if the prospective owner will need to have a zoning variance or if the current zoning allows. Will current residents be notified of zoning changes/hearing? **\*Carl Culpepper, III-** stated area is currently zoned commercial and will need to be a zoning ordinance change. Any zoning changes will be on agenda and brought before council. Information will be available on city Facebook page and website.

**\*Carolyn Magloghin-** resident 403 Lee Ave.- Called Aiken Sheriff on 1/2/22 and was directed to New Ellenton Police Department. Had to leave voicemail; 2-3 hours for return call; daughter took car without permission. No officer came to home for report; report was taken over the phone. Formal written complaint was made because no officer came to take police report. Called and left voicemail on 1/4/22 when car was returned; received no call back. Officer Mitchell returned call, came to home and completed police report at 3am. At 5am, Officer Street came to home to notify that daughter had been arrested and first time speaking to officer in-person because she was the officer that took initial information over the phone and stated that she was in training and the reason it was done on phone call. Sergeant Mitchell is a great man and excellent officer. **\*Benjamin Dean** off camera-Sergeant Mitchell is the only officer that has ever assisted him. **\*Carl Culpepper, III-**in the process of restructuring police department and asked if she could stay after to give contact information.

**\*Benjamin Dean-** resident since 2018-goals of opening business in city, but discouraged by having to clean the streets that need to be cleaned. Community involvement should not be the only time streets are cleaned. Questioned where is the money going? Had the same issues as previous speaker; tried to get information from police concerning assistance with at-risk teens/program availability and no one to assist. County doesn't assist with cleaning roads; limbs. Has information to build case if things don't get done in city. Would like to see enforcement of no dumping by police; asked to have them spread out through out city. **\*Carl Culpepper, III-**DOT will be contact to cut limbs/county road issues; apologized on behalf of council being new and there is a comprehensive plan for the city available. Kenny Cook-open for discussion; asked resident to leave contact information.

**\*James Anderson-** resident for 42 years-gave council reference letter-owner of a couple businesses and wouldn't take them anywhere else.

**\*Renee Rouse-** resident concerned about R-15 zoning not allowing mobile homes; can't put mobile home on land that is for sale in that zoning and asked that it be looked at for change to allow mobile homes. Came to see Sergeant Mitchell and he was gone; if anyone is looking for other officers ride on Sizemore they are hiding in the cut. **\*Kenny Cook-**zoning revisited every 10 years; recommended to council that there may be a need to tweak zoning every 5 years; asked resident to leave information for someone to contact her.

**\*Pastor Debra Creech-** director of Christ Central-pressed to get everything completed in 90 days. Talatha Drive is blocked; Risher is blocked with campers in parking area and is petitioning to get the street opened. **\*Jason Morgan-**looking into who owns the property.

**\*Kevin Ingram-** present on behalf of the youth-stated in 2016 he had to take children to Augusta for sports; no after school program was available; he will be here and present. **\*Faye Durham-**did you get with David(recreation director)?

**\*Marty Dubber-** owner of JDubbs with friend; James and brother; Reese-would like to see new development of golf course and old Popeye's. Asked if there would be an opportunity for local contractors to bid if they are in a certain mile radius; inquired about lot clearing across from JDubbs and possibility of blinking light at Florida/Fern Ave. \*Jason Morgan-no information on lot other than it is just being cleared; will develop a list of local contractors to be made available.

**\*Mike Kellems(Fire Chief)-** 114 calls for service; 20 fire related. Burning has to be reported to National Forestry; there is a memorandum with the city for burning. No burning of treated wood or household garbage/trash is allowed; tickets could be issued from police for violators. Fiscal year revenue \$20,000 to the good; this is a current reassessment year. Several members of fire department are taking training classes to help provide the best customer service possible.

\*fire incident report referenced will be available on [www.newellentonsc.com](http://www.newellentonsc.com)\*

**\*Joshua Solomon(patrol officer)-** February stats:116 calls; 41 assistance; 5 EMS; 1 Fire; 28 warnings; 65 total citations issued. 2 Tasers were approved, ordered and ready to be put into service. Any recalls for vehicles are being taken care of and done. Pictures have been taken of graffiti in park; good camera system is needed with flea market coming. There is a mutual aid agreement with Aiken County. Police department has two officers and actively taking applications. Interim Police Chief is Jeremy Frank. The non-emergency dispatch number is 803-642-6811.

**\*David Alexander(Recreation Director)-** Received one estimate and awaiting two more. Four spots are open for 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Program. \*Carl Culpepper, III-Kevin and James requested to get with Coach David(concerning sport related questions/concerns).

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Jan.18, 2022- Regular Meeting- correction addition of roll call

*Motion to approve: Faye Durham*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

Feb. 22, 2022 Regular Meeting

*Motion to approve: Jason Morgan*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Ricky Foster*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Vote on the Sale of Properties

*Motion to approve: Jason Morgan*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Kendrick Patterson*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval to sale for \$500 for each property (\$1,000 total to Eric Heard; Heard will be responsible for any legal fees required for completing sale.*

2. Vote to Hire Retail Strategies

*Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley*

*There was a 5 vote in favor of approval; 1 in opposition*

*\*Kenny Cook-Retail Strategies will conduct analysis; \$25,000 to pay will come from ARP funds. Business encourages homes; homes encourage business. Carl Culpepper, III-does the city have enough property to bring new business? Ricky Foster-look into hiring retail strategist in six months; see how it goes with The Pines & golf course. Faye Durham-how long does the quote last? Elvira Johnson-Holley-training so we can be ready. Kendrick Patterson-The Pines will help.*

3. Vote to Transfer 2% from the Town Account to Streets and Roads Account from Monthly Utility Revenue

*Motion to approve: Kendrick Patterson*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

4. Vote on Resolution Electing The Standard Allowance For Lost Revenues Under The American Rescue Plan

*Motion to approve: Elvira Johnson-Holley*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

\*Kendrick Patterson-working on issues for volume during live streaming.

\*Elvira Johnson-Holley-great to see the number of people attending meetings; welcomes concerns.

\*Faye Durham-\*request to community-report anything to police\* worked hard to get park updated; there are shattered and spray painted items in park; there will eventually be cameras installed.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 8:11pm:**

*Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: \*minutes at and after this point taken by City Administrator, Kenneth Cook\***

Discussion of a Personnel Nature

Vote(s) May be Taking after Coming out of Executive Session

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:48 PM. Councilman Ricky Foster made a motion to pay acting Chief Officer Frank at the same hourly rate that Chief Parks was making when she left while Officer Frank is acting chief. It is to be retroactive to March 15, 2022. Councilman Kendrick Patterson Seconded. It was approved by Council on a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ricky Foster made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Councilwoman Elvira Johnson-Holley. Council adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**INFORMATION:**

**Supporting materials attached:**

Help My House flyer

Senator Tom Young 's Latest Update

Retail Strategies Information

Resolution Electing the Standard Allowance for Lost Revenues under the American Rescue Plan

\*Meeting/votes streamed live via city Facebook account\*

  
City Clerk Signature/Date

  
Mayor/Date

<b><u>Nature of Incident</u></b>	<b><u>Total Incidents</u></b>
<b>Total Incidents for this Agency:</b>	<b>11</b>

**Agency: New Ellenton Fire Department**

<b><u>Nature of Incident</u></b>	<b><u>Total Incidents</u></b>
Accident	1
Accident with Injuries	10
Altered Mental	4
Anaphylactic	1
Apnea	3
Chest Pain	5
Coronary Problems	5
Crushing	1
CVA TIA Stroke	1
Diabetic Reaction	1
Fire Alarm	5
Fire Brush	3
Fire Other	4
Fire Roadway Obstruction	1
Fire Structure	7
Fracture	1
GI Problem	2
Head Injury	1
Hemorrhage	1
Hypertension High BP	1
Overdose	5
Pain	7
Respiratory Distress	12
Spinal Injury	18
Suicide	1
Unconscious	1
Unknown Medical Complaint	4
Vomiting	2
Weakness Dizziness	6
<b>Total Incidents for this Agency:</b>	<b>114</b>

<b>Total Incidents for This Report:</b>	<b>1066</b>
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**Report Includes:**

All dates between '00:00:01 02/01/22' and '23:59:59 02/28/22', All agencies between 'FD01' and 'FD25', All conditions observed, All conditions reported, All condition codes, All nature of incidents, All location codes, All responsible officers, All disposition codes, All circumstance codes