

**Regular Meeting of City Council  
New Ellenton City Hall  
Monday, May. 16, 2022 7:00 PM**

**WORK SESSION:** 6:30 pm

Discuss Budget

\*No votes taken during work session\*

**WELCOME:** Mayor Kimberly Williams

**INVOCATION:** Elvira Johnson-Holley

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**COUNCIL ROLL CALL:**

**Council Present:** Kimberly Williams; Carl Culpepper, III; Faye Durham; Elvira Johnson-Holley; Jason Morgan

**Council Not Present:** Kendrick Patterson; Ricky Foster

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

\***Debra Creech**-Christ Central update: final touches being completed; Southern Roofing windows; 2 rooms left to be painted. There will be an emergency shelter housed at Christ Central; 4 beds; bunk beds. Requesting support from the Fire Department: donation of fire alarms with carbon/smoke combination; each room will need an alarm. Requesting City Council to arrange a time to come and take a look at the facility. Elvira Johnson-Holley-Encouraged Debra to reach out to Aiken Chamber of Commerce concerning a ribbon cutting event.

Debra asked Chief Middleton to check into a property on Talatha Street due to chickens/roosters coming out of the property.

\***Jermaine Patterson**-Discussed non-profit, Real Dreamerz established in 2019, that hosts a flea market every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of every month in the city where anyone can participate as a vendor for a small vendor fee; believes in teaching children through entrepreneurship/financial literacy during event hosted every three to four months at community center where they have guest speakers who are available to answer questions about finances and young entrepreneurs that have products for sale. Mayor Kimberly-gave \$20 each to Jermaine's children (Imani & Cameron Patterson) to invest in their businesses and have business cards made to be left at City Hall.

\***David Alexander**-hopes to have another 1<sup>st</sup> Tee program for the summer from hours 8:30-12pm; swimming program at YMCA will be offered-forms available at City Hall-instructor will reach out to parent

\***Renee Rouse**-inquired about leash law and the stray dogs that are out early in the mornings. Chief Middleton-there is a leash law with ticket price of \$1087.00. Debra Creech said the owner of the daycare near Christ Central has told her about dogs being loose in the area. Chief Middleton-animal control will be called if nothing is done about dogs being loose.

\***Chief Shawn Middleton(Police Chief)**-Fingerprinting will be available at City Hall for a fee of \$10. The evidence room should be complete by SLED in 3 more hours. The new E-ticketing system is up and running; the system allows information to be available to the DMV and Law-track system immediately. Updated equipment; to include rifles. Jurisdiction of the NEPD does not include the entirety of Eagle Road, but does include the area where there are signs stating NEPD jurisdiction.

\***Chief Mike Kellems(Fire Chief)**-No burning of any household items, trash or treated wood; natural items only for burning. There have been calls about the awful smells of burning items. There is a memorandum of agreement that allows the police to write tickets concerning unlawful burning in the amount of \$1087.50. Residents must call SC Forestry before burning anything; ie trees, leaves, pinestraw; leave name & address. Must meet precautions to burn anything; information will be available at [www.newellentonsc.com](http://www.newellentonsc.com) New Ellenton Fire Department has 70<sup>th</sup> birthday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:**

Regular Council Meeting April 18, 2022

*Motion to approve: Faye Durham*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Second Reading Approval of Election Ordinance Amendment

*Motion to approve: Faye Durham*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Vote of Purchasing Kubota Excavator for the Sewer Plant

*Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for purchase a 17hr. Kubota 2020 for \$50,000*

2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Set the Millage Rate

*Motion to approve: Jason Morgan*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for millage rate of 77.4mils for new fiscal year*

3. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2022/2023 Budget

*Motion to approve: Faye Durham*

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

*There was a vote 4 in favor of approval; 1 in opposition*

4. Vote on Resolution Establishing and Agreeing to Participate in the Lower Savannah Regional Home Consortium

*Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

5. Vote on Interior Painting of City Hall

*Motion to approve:*

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

*TABLED*

6. Approval to Resale Properties

*Motion to approve: Elvira Johnson-Holley*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval to place Sycamore & Virginia properties up for bid for 2 weeks*

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

**\*Faye Durham**- Announcement- Community Bingo and Music & Food Truck Night-1<sup>st</sup> event is June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm and plans are to have bingo and food trucks at least once/month; there is no cost and small prizes for winner of bingo; this year is New Ellenton's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**\*Carl Culpepper, III**-Whiskey Rd. Corridor Project-Will talk with Aiken County to extend project into city, if possible. May take up to 2 years for light at Eagle Rd. Aiken; they would like input, questions, comments on all projects up to Eagle Rd. concerning safety, street lights, walking paths, etc. Safety is first on the agenda.

**\*Mayor Kimberly Williams**-Reminder for anyone wanting to speak at meetings, the form will need to be completed the Friday before to be added to agenda. The form is available online or at City Hall.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III*

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**INFORMATION:**

**Supporting materials attached:**

Election Ordinance Amendment

Budget & Ordinance


Millage Rate Ordinance

Painting Estimates

Letter from Special Events Committee

Bingo Flyer

  
City Clerk Signature/Date

  
Mayor/Date