

**Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting Live Streamed on City Facebook Page

WORK SESSION: 6:30pm

1. Valerie Thomas- Dumpster Depot- Discussion
2. Discuss Use of the New Farmers Market

WELCOME

Mayor Kim Williams 7:05pm

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Geneva Jackson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All Stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL

All Present

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting January 17, 2023

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Nomination of New Planning Commission Member
Motion to nominate Carter Rhine : Carl Culpepper III
2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan
There was a unanimous vote in favor of nomination
2. 1st Reading of Ordinance to Rezone Golf Course Property Back to Residential 15 (R-15)
Motion to read by title only: Carl Culpepper III
2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

Public Hearing will be on March 20 @ 6:00pm
3. Approval to Lease Property to the New Ellenton Public Works Commission to use for Construction of a Maintenance Building
Jason Morgan stated the property is located between Fire Station and Streets & Roads Building land that is not being used by the City.
Motion to approve lease: Jason Morgan
2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper III
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Carl Culpepper III: The lights at Evans Park have been completed by Aiken Electric.

Whiskey Road Feasibility Study Meeting on February 28th at Chukker Creek Elementary School from 5-7pm. Looking for input regarding 3 Red Lights from here to South Side of Aiken and also Bike Lanes and Pedestrian Sidewalks. Mayor stated the last meeting she went to those 10 sections was discussed between

Powderhouse and Eagle Road. County is narrowing it down to two red lights one at Powderhouse and the other at Chime Bell Church Road. Mayor Williams said we have three people that goes to the ARTS (Augusta Regional Transit Study) Committee meetings and fight for our town.

Water Dept.- CPW meeting Monday February 27 at 700pm.

Chief Middleton- If you look at our monthly report we have been pretty busy from the 17th till yesterday. We have actually been really busy with a lot of arrests and closing cases. As an agency and civilians coming together we have stopped some of these crimes and it's been successful. I would like to thank the civilians as well as the officers that have put in the good work to get this job done but we are going to continue to push on. I have one of my new guys going to start the Academy not this week but the next. Also, Day will be coming off FTO in about three weeks. Ayres started at the school as the SRO, that's a huge thing. I'm just so excited for what's coming in the future and what we can do to help New Ellenton.

Mayor said Chief we are so proud of you and your team, it feels so good to see even Aiken Standard and Facebook that New Ellenton charged and apprehended and not unsolved cases. It sends a good message to residents that you mean business. I have gotten so many calls about the break-ins and people saying as soon as we call they were right there, great job to you and your team you'll be doing amazing and were so proud.

Geneva Jackson- We're having a Community Impact Meeting- Town Hall Meeting for the Greendale area it will be at Four Mile Baptist Church on March 6th at 6:30pm. We want to see what the area is talking about, there seems to be a disconnect with the residents and the City. We will have many speakers, Mayor Kim Williams, Jim Broome from the school district, Deborah Creech from Christ Central regarding tutoring, David Alexander will be asking for volunteers for the NE Youth Sports. And, Jermaine Patterson with his non-profit Realdreamers has financial workshops for the kids. Each speaker will be given a 5-7 minutes speech and then a question and answer session. All are invited.

David Alexander- Golf will start in the next couple of weeks. Swimming should begin in May to June. I'm working with the Y to get that started. I will be asking for volunteers. Asking Council to reach out to Maintenance to get the Field ready with reseeding and spraying for March and April. I have a League meeting this Thursday to see what we will get from the end of the season gate proceeds. We received a new grant from USA Football for new equipment and we have already received the equipment.

Elvira Johnson-Holley- I did reach out to SRNS, I talked to one of the representatives in Community Relations and was directed to Matt Blackwell. I left my phone number and email with him to partner up with New Ellenton. I will provide more information at next meeting..

SRP Board Meeting March 14th at 700 pm at the Convocation Center. Mayor said we want everyone to be there to let SRP know we want a full service bank not a virtual teller.

David Alexander- wanted to remind everyone of the Food Distribution on Friday 2/24 at 930 am at the Community Center.

Jason Morgan- Streets & Roads building is a 100% complete. The Farmer's Market is in the process of getting things completed. We are getting bids for sawed and once put down we are asking people not to drive on it for a month or two.. Looking for bids for handrails around stage. Engineer is in the process of drawing our electric diagram for wiring building.

Kim Williams_ I have been watching the progress of our shopping center and I'm so pleased with the new owner. He has put down new asphalt and painting buildings and he has had crews working on the inside of each of the units not rented. What I'm hearing is that the Eckerd unit may not be rented because they still have a lease. Two spaces are possibly rented.

CPR class was today at the Library.

No other information on the O'Rielley's store since we looked at the plans.

Property next to old Popeye's where they have been cutting and down the trees owners are not planning on doing anything now maybe in five to seven years.

Geneva Jackson- Training through MASC that a few of us attended was very enlightening Thank Council for the opportunity to attend the training. Elvira Johnson-Holley stated it was very informative and she appreciated attending.

Elvira Johnson- Holley- I want to thank Chief for the quick turn around on solving crimes. I'm thankful for you coming on board and all your guys' hard work and know that we are praying for your protection.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Carl Culpepper III

2nd to motion Elvira Johnson Holley

There was a unanimous vote for adjournment

7:32 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Ordinance to Rezone Golf Course Property back to R-15

Grayda J. D. 3/20/23
City Clerk Signature/Date

Kimberly Williams
Mayor Signature/Date

*minutes transcribed
by Assistant City Clerk, Maria Bush