

Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
MINUTES
Monday, April 17, 2023 7:00 PM

WORK SESSION: 5:30pm

Review 2023 Goals

Discuss City Facility Rentals and Use of City Facilities

WELCOME: Mayor Kimberly Williams

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Faye Durham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: **Council Present:** Kimberly Williams; Carl Culpepper, III; Faye Durham; Elvira Johnson-Holley; Jason Morgan; Ricky Foster; Geneva S. Jackson

Council Not Present: N/A

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

***Reggie Lawrence-** 44 year resident of Aiken county, former co-owner of a car wash in the city and current owner and President of car club(INSERT NAME OF CLUB). He has participated in 2 Atomic City Festivals; one with former car club and one with current car club. All car shows are independent; have no issues ever with violence and no cars doing donuts. The car show on 4/16/23: everyone came out and had a good time. He was given permission by Ms. Faye in December; Ms. Faye didn't recall conversing with him.

***Council Remarks:** **Carl-**the biggest issue was the music; **Kim-**profanity was heard all the way to Woodland; **Chief Middleton-**there is no noise ordinance prior to event; received complaints about noise, came and spoke to car show, requested the music be turned down and Reggie Lawrence complied. Chief proposed having approval with noise permit going forward. Consensus of council is that there will be a noise ordinance for outside use with music. **Kim-**appreciates support and partnership; **Carl-**he collectively speaks on Facebook, but he wrote on Facebook, tried to call committee and they didn't know about the event; **Geneva-**Publicly apologized to Reggie Lawrence on behalf of council; **Elvira-**felt that it could have been handled better than Facebook post, would like car show to continue and proper protocol in the future; **Ricky-**works shift work and felt there was too much noise, but had no problem with car show.

***George Council-**Area Director for Waste Management came to ask council if there were any issues or concerns that he could address. There are new trucks that are being used; replacement containers were low due to inventory; new cans are now available. *Resident in audience asked that trash be cleaned up at Greendale Elementary outside large receptacle as the trash is being left outside of the bin for stray animals to get into it. George-will let operations team know about issues at the school and in-kind service event may be available.

***Council Remarks-** Carl-expressed that there were frequent issues with many residents not having their trash dumped, asked that Waste Management send an email about changes so it can be communicated to residents; Faye-cans are being left in the roadway; Kim-community clean-up days will need roll-off 20, 30 or 40 yd. containers available.

***David Alexander(Recreation Director)-** Started golf program through 4/27; been invited to 1st Tee program in Aiken in new facility near Sam's and response to golf program is going well; planning a Community Day; In March followed-up with Ms. Rouse after meeting asking for volunteers and haven't had any new volunteers; Working on program to teach better eating/healthy living habits to the children; grass seeding quotes are being collected(only one received so far); waiting to hear from YMCA about swimming program for the summer that will include children through adult classes; equipment out for conditioning; asked Chief Kellems for donation from fire department for recreation

***Chief Middleton(Police)-** A little over a year in Chief position; Flock security isn't live feed as expected; DMV/Sled postponed installation Flock's ability to install; cameras won't be available with live feed for 2-3 more years; \$22,000 may have to be paid based on what has been installed; placed one camera that belonged

to New Ellenton in Graniteville; budget-more fuel will be coming out; uniforms needed every year; vests every five years; radio fees-\$300/month for vehicles that are in use now; asked Motorola for discount going forward; maintenance-tires have been replaced on Chargers and Tahoes; expecting new vehicles; telephone bill has doubled; software expenses have increased; SLED has system that is free for department to use; all expenses have doubled; rifles have been updated; all equipment is up to par; went to Goodyear for maintenance and dealership for what they can't do. ***Council Remarks**-Kim-asked Chief to provide a copy of Flock contract so the attorney can find out what can be done before mailing a payment, recently hired a LT, happy to have Ayre as SRO at Greendale; Elvira-Is there an equipment log; yes, there is a log and there will be random vehicle checks going forward so maintenance can be done on time. (monthly report will be available with approved minutes at www.newellentonsc.com)

***Chief Kellems(Fire)**- 127 calls for service(report will be available with approved minutes at www.newellentonsc.com) March-met with vendors for specs for mini pumper; hoping to have something for May's council meeting; already have budget set for debt services and on track; Legislation Day-SCFA had lunch with Rep. Taylor; Palmetto 800 radio system can talk to anyone in the state now; towers are too far away for handheld; \$5M per year is slated for monies to be given to fire departments for system updates.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting March 20, 2023

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Faye Durham

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2nd Reading of Ordinance Authorizing and Directing to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services

Motion to approve: Jason Morgan

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 1st Reading of the Noise Ordinance

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ricky Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval with high priority to review all forms/applications

2. Approval of Electrical Installation on New Ellenton Farmers Market

Motion to approve: Jason Morgan

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for R&R in the amount of \$72,500 and money to come from SRS funding

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

***Kim Williams(Mayor)**- Arts MPO Open House meeting-April 18th; virtual meeting 4-5pm; April 19th in North Augusta; April 20th 4:30-6:30 in Augusta; request for bike/pedestrian sidewalks in their system though survey; can put if you would like expansion of existing or create a new path; Town Hall meeting was a success; working through items-dumpster removal is taking some time; contacted DHEC to have it removed and awaiting information for removal.

***Jason Morgan**- Farmer's Market dates are set for 5/6 and 5/13; yard sale items are accepted for both days outside only.

***Elvira Johnson-Holley**-Tour of Savannah River Site was great and was a former employee for many years.

***Geneva Jackson**- Touring of Savannah River Site is very informative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to approve: Geneva Jackson

2nd to the motion: Ricky Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of the use of volunteers to run recreation programs for the City in lieu of employee(s) and/or paid contractors.

Vote may be taken after coming out of Executive Session

Per Kenneth Cook, City Administrator, there was no vote taken during Executive Session

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Ordinance Number 4-17-23

Ordinance No. 5-15-23

Article II Noise

Noise Permit Request Form

Memo-Farmers Market Electrical Bid Recommendation

Electrical Bids


City Clerk Signature/Date


Mayor/Date