

Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
Minutes

Monday, May 15, 2023 7:00 PM

Council Meeting was streamed live on city Facebook page

WORK SESSION: 6:15pm

Discuss 2024 Budget

WELCOME: Mayor Kimberly Williams

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Geneva S. Jackson

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:

***Glenda Young**-Resident of the city for 50 plus years; grandson has played football and golf with Coach David Alexander; Coach David Alexander encouraged students in class and on the field, coordinates with teachers when necessary to help the children; hopes Coach David will have the opportunity to continue with the Youth Sports program.

***Chief Middleton(Police)**- 345 calls; new officers learning procedure; new budget: other professional(5090) went up; equipment and maintenance increased with more vehicles; uniform and duty gear has increased; uniforms include boots, duty belt, magazine, belt keepers, holders for gloves, holster for weapons and other pieces; would like to purchase barricades for Atomic City Festival; will need cameras for officers so no personal devices are used for law enforcement; more money allocated for fuel. (monthly report will be available with approved minutes at www.newellentonsc.com)

***Chief Kellems(Fire)**- 89 calls for service; \$20,000 short on expected revenue; county has outstanding payments anticipating receipt by 1st part of next year
(monthly report will be available with approved minutes at www.newellentonsc.com)

***David Alexander(Recreation Director)**- Golf program off to a great start; new golf facility is nice; 1st Tee camp being held this year and New Ellenton has been invited for another round; PGA pros help children in program; please, tell everyone about program; continually asking for volunteers; request for field to be cut every other week; meeting with Aiken County Youth Football to prepare for upcoming school year

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting April 17, 2023

Motion to approve: Faye Durham

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval with the addition of name of car club: Reggie Lawrence (independent car club)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2nd Reading of the Noise Ordinance

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 1st Reading of an Ordinance to set the Millage Rate for the 2024 Budget
Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III
2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for 77.4 mills

2. 1st Reading of the 2024 Budget Ordinance
Motion to approve: Geneva S. Jackson
2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan
There were 6 in favor of approval -1 recusal by Carl Culpepper, III (Justification to Recuse: Professionally employed by or under contract with principal)

3. 1st Reading to Approve the 2024 Budget
Motion to approve: Geneva S. Jackson
2nd to the motion: Jason Morgan
There were 6 in favor of approval -1 recusal by Carl Culpepper, III (Justification to Recuse: Professionally employed by or under contract with principal)

4. Approval of New Fire Truck Purchase *\$1 Million for purchase of mini tanker & pumper*
Motion to approve: Elvira Johnson-Holley
*2nd to the motion: Geneva S. Jackson *asked Chief Kellems to note why higher bid is being approved; Chief Kellems stated Spartan Fire & Pierce Manufacturing is best to save on cost of travel to get mini tanker & pumper**
There were 4 in favor of approval-3 recusal by Carl Culpepper, III (Justification to Recuse: Professionally employed by or under contract with principal/Employee); Jason Morgan (Justification to Recuse: Employee); Rickey Foster (Justification to Recuse: Employee)

5. Discuss Retention Ponds at The Pines *Heartwood Pass and Fringe Tree Loop to include mulch and \$1,400 per year for maintenance*
Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III
2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley
*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval; request to Carl Culpepper, III to get separate invoice to show Heartwood Pass for \$3,600**Heartwood Pass invoice emailed to City Clerk on 5/26/23 and sent to each member of Council*

6. Approval of Proposal to Landscape the Front City Hall
No vote necessary as the amount of \$2,540.79 is within council member approval guidelines per Purchase Ordinance

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

***Kim Williams(Mayor)-** Greendale & NEMS participated in Agg & Art Tour; Christ Central will eventually like to have transitional housing but will take volunteers for whatever your passion may be; radio station 88.3 & Aiken Standard promoted Farmer's Market; appreciate everyone that assisted in making Farmer's Market great; Camel St. dumpster has been moved by Dumpster Depot; Supervisor position with Streets & Roads is open, please, apply.

***Geneva Jackson-** 1st time New Ellenton was part of Agg & Art Tour and NEMS had art displayed; Appreciates David(Recreation Director) for assisting with community meeting; willing to sit outside KJ's to drum up volunteer support; went to TV station with Debra Creech(Director, Christ Central) and Elvira and the interview was great; Christ Central will be starting food give away with Harvest Food Bank after 2 more classes; ARTS: Eagle Rd. project is still on track.

***Ricky Foster-** Commendation to police department for property check while he was out of town

***Elvira Johnson-Holley-** Debra Creech(Director, Christ Central) went above and beyond to express areas of need; believes when community gets together there can be things done.

***Jason Morgan-** Farmer's Market went well on 5/13 for Grand Opening; will be closed until first weekend in June and will be open every other weekend after.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Geneva S. Jackson

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discuss a Personnel Matter Relating to the Upcoming Vacancy of the Public Works Supervisor Position.

Carl Culpepper made a motion to come out of executive session and Ricky Foster seconded. It was unanimous with Jason Morgan absent from the meeting due to a conflict of interest. They came out of executive session at 9:19 PM.

Carl Culpepper made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Ricky Foster. There was no vote taken on any business. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Minutes taken during Executive Session by City Administrator, Kenneth Cook; City Clerk not in attendance*

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

- Ordinance No. 5-15-23
- Budget Memo
- Ordinance No. 06192023-1
- Ordinance No. 06192023-2
- 2023/2024 Budget
- Auvenshine Land Management Quotes
- Cold Creek Proposal

Zoraida J. D. 6/20/23
 City Clerk Signature/Date

Kimberly Williams 6/20/23
 Mayor/Date

**Special Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
Wednesday, May 31, 2023 5:00 PM**

WELCOME

Mayor Kim Williams

INVOCATION

Councilmember Faye Durham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL

All present

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of New Public Works Supervisor

(Candidate J)

Kim Williams stated he has great management experience, worked with Streets & Roads and will be able to rectify sewer issues. He has initiative by communicating with CPW in regards to getting Sewer license.

Ricky Foster stated candidate J has a future plan, it was exceptional interview, and would be a better supervisor.

Faye Durham stated candidate J has Human Resource experience, interviewing, evaluations, has a five year plan.

Carl Culpepper said he has experience with resumes, applications, HR background, managing employees.

Geneva Jackson stated he has good communication skills, team player, works with employees, coaching skills, mentor subordinates, team player, pass skills to employees, vouch for employees to get license.

Elvira Johnson Holley stated candidate J worked with Streets & Roads, is humble, has a passion for the City of New Ellenton, exemplifies leadership and is patient.

(Candidate R)

Kim Williams stated he is a long time employee and that shows dedication

Carl Culpepper said it was a pretty good interview, has no vision, no changes, no plan, no forward thinking.

Faye Durham said he has a willingness to be certified, all employees should be certified, answered all question to satisfaction, has no future plan.

Geneva Jackson said interview went well, honest with answers, has some training with Backhoe, dependable, was a Lead at SRS and managed six people, could do evaluations with no problem, would like City wide clean-up to start up again.

Ricky Foster said he has 17 year experience, operated a front loader but not the back end loader, had no future plans, everything rock-n-roll.

Elvira Johnson-Holley stated he is dedicated and passionate in what he does, hard worker, sincere

Kim Williams asked if there was a nomination to hire.

Faye Durham 1st to nominate candidate J as new Public Works Supervisor.

Ricky Foster 2nd motion

All in favor to hire Candidate J..

ADJOURNMENT

Carl Culpepper 1st to motion for adjournment

Ricky Foster 2nd to motion

All in favor