

**Regular Meeting of City Council**

**New Ellenton City Hall**

**Minutes**

**Tues., June 20, 2023 7:00 PM**

**\*Meeting streamed live via City Facebook account\***

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**PUBLE HEARING: 6:30pm**

2023/2024 Budget

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:34. Kenny Cook went over the budget with Council. No one from the public commented. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00.

**WELCOME:**

The Mayor called the Council meeting to order at 7:09. All council members were present.

**Public Comment:**

Deborah Creech was on the agenda to speak during Public Comment but was unable to make the meeting. The Mayor gave an update on Christ Central in her absence. Coach Alexander gave an update on Recreation activities including youth golf, swimming with the YMCA, Flag football to begin in July. Football and cheer forms are now available for the Fall season. The Mayor said it would be good to use flag football as an opportunity advertise for Fall football and cheer. She asked if flyers can go up at area stores and businesses. Mr. Alexander said he got a grant to help with buying football helmets.

Trey Stevens, a representative of the CPW, informed Council that there would be an increase coming in our contract with them due to increases in postage and printing.

Chief Middleton gave Council his monthly update. Officer Ayers is being trained to be a DARE officer.

The Mayor introduced Jason Morgan as the City's new Public Works Supervisor.

**Approval of Council Meetings:**

May 15, 2023- Jackson made a motion to approve. seconded by Foster. Was unanimous.

May 31, 2023-Culpepper made motion to approve. Was seconded by Foster. Vote was unanimous.

**Old Business:**

The Millage Rate ordinance was read by title. Councilman Culpepper made a motion to approve, seconded by Faye Durham. Approved by all.

The 2024 Budget Ordinance was read by title. Council woman Durham made a motion to approve, seconded by Johnson-Holley, Culpepper recused himself. All others voted to approve.

A vote was taken to approve the 2024 Budget. Council Woman Geneva Jackson made the motion to approve with the amendments that were included. Johnson-Holley seconded. Culpepper recused himself. All others voted to approve.

**Comments from Mayor and Council:**

Council Woman Jackson mentioned the Juneteenth celebration and thanked the Mayor and Council Woman Johnson-Holley for attending.

The Mayor thanked Councilwoman Jackson for working hard on the event and talked about how good it was.

Councilwoman Johnson-Holley said she really enjoyed the Juneteenth celebration and thanked Councilwoman Jackson for heading it up.

Councilwoman Faye Durham said the June 22 activity was having to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. However, July 13th there will be a Biker's Night with a Christian rock band.

The Mayor mentioned the Farmers Market and the band session. She said band session was a success and will be allowed to continue.

Councilman Culpepper asked Chief Middleton about requirements to put up a banner across the road to advertise events. The Chief was on top of it.

**Adjournment:**

Councilman Culpepper made a motion to adjourn Councilman Ricky Foster seconded.  
Adjourned 7:52 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**INFORMATION:**

**Supporting materials attached:**

Budget Memo  
Second Reading Amendments  
Ordinance No. 06192023-1  
Ordinance No. 06192023-2  
2023/2024 Budget

\*City Clerk not in attendance; minutes taken by Kenneth Cook, City Administrator\*

Zorayda J. E. 8/21/23  
City Clerk Signature/Date

Kimberly Williams 8/21/23  
Mayor/Date

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**PUBLE HEARING: 6:30pm**

Rezoning Request-No votes taken-Public comments only

**WELCOME:**

**INVOCATION:** Councilwoman Geneva S. Jackson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**COUNCIL ROLL CALL:**

**Council Present:** Kimberly Williams; Carl Culpepper, III; Elvira Johnson-Holley; Geneva S. Jackson

**Council Not Present:** Ricky Foster; Faye Durham

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**\*Deborah Creech-** Updates on Christ Central

In need of volunteers & transportation in the area; Received donated blueprints & plans for future improvement project; Fed over 200 families from surrounding area including Beech Island, Jackson, Williston, Barnwell; Aiken Housing Authority supported summer program; Golden Harvest Foodbank 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Senior citizen activities to include bingo, food & other activities; awaiting release of county Fire Marshal's report to move forward with updates; working on grants with Christine Chandler & Lower Savannah Council of Governments; working on development of mini cottages to be built.

**\*Chad Pope-**EPA Grant geared toward rural areas with \$7 Billion dollars available for funding for Solar for All; State & Municipality program to use funds across a five year period; letter of intent due in August; application due in September; project can be for individual homes and more to improve solar installation and upgrades; Councilwoman Geneva would like to meet with Chad and members of council that are available Monday at 6:30pm.

**\*Chief Middleton(Police)-** 411 Calls; got vehicle and equipment to be outfitted next month; Ayre graduated from DARE program; New Ellenton has the only DARE certified officer in Aiken county; Chief spoke at Jeremiah Duncan's Gun Violence Program and there is hope that DARE program will have a positive impact; social media will play a large part in connecting children with program; surprise visit from state and program is in compliance. (monthly report will be available with approved minutes at [www.newellentonsc.com](http://www.newellentonsc.com))

**\*Chief Kellems(Fire)-** 130 calls for month & 1400 call for the year; commercial fire caused filing of a claim; money received to get new equipment/gear; fiscal year budget \$9,000 under estimated revenue; \$30,000 under estimated expenses; new roof needed at headquarters with quote estimates that may be a minimum of \$60,000(monthly report will be available with approved minutes at [www.newellentonsc.com](http://www.newellentonsc.com))

**\*David Alexander(Recreation Director)-** 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Scholarships for PGA National Juniors; opportunity to play against other golfers in Georgia & surrounding areas; swim program has a few participants; USA Football Certification completed; Administration meeting with ACYFL and schedule is being completed for upcoming year; will need volunteers for gate, concession & anything concerning; registration has started.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES** \*No Quorum & No Votes Taken\*

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*No Quorum & No Votes Taken\*

1. Appointment of New Planning Commission Member
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for Approval of Rezoning Ordinance Number. 08-21-23-1
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for Approval of Ordinance Number 08-21-23-2 to Amend Section 15-7 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Annual Bonuses

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

\***Kim Williams(Mayor)**- Thank you to community; child was found and getting treatment; back to school field day was nice.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 8:20pm**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**INFORMATION:**

**Supporting materials attached:**

Ordinance No. 08-21-23-1

Ordinance No. 08-21-23-2

Rayda J. D. 8/21/23  
City Clerk/Signature/Date

Kimberly Williams 8/21/23  
Mayor/Date