

Regular Meeting of City Council

New Ellenton City Hall

Tues., Feb. 18, 2025 7:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting streamed live on city Facebook page

WORK SESSION: 6:30 pm*No votes taken during work session*

WELCOME: Mayor Kimberly Williams

INVOCATION: Geneva S. Jackson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

Council Present: Kimberly Williams; Carl Culpepper, III; Ashley Morgan; Ricky Foster; James Anderson; Elvira Johnson-Holley; Geneva S. Jackson

Council Not Present: N/A

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jade Nealious- Crowning Lupus Back to School Giveaway July 19th-Not in attendance
Deborah Creech- Not in attendance & Tina Thomas – Christ Central Updates-2/22/25 Life Skills class will be hosted by Dr. Malinda Wright and open to the public; Senior Day: food boxes, health/wellness classes, bingo; 200 people fed @ Christ Central; Golden Harvest grant will be used to update refrigerators; clothes closet is full and won't be able to accept any further donations; Blessing Box @ Christ Central installed by Stacy Valentine
Leesha & Torres Johnson- Movie & Popcorn Night-Not in attendance

***Administration-(City Clerk: Zorayda El)**-Website Update: service agreement completed today & testing to begin immediately; completion set for 7/1/25; Codification Update: completed ordinance questionnaire & processed payment; awaiting next steps from American Legal Publishing Corp.; Statement of Economic Interest reports are due by 3/30/25; Follow-up request to Smoothie Groove: Edith Ogletree(owner) thanks council for extending their assistance; in process of having final inspection while moving through road blocks; hopes to open by 3/5/25.

***Fire Chief-(Mike Kellems)**-Not in Attendance

***Police Chief-(Chief J. Solomon)**-information from police report(report available at www.newellentonsc.com with approved minutes); Body Cam Update: everything delivered, G&S Computing to complete server integration within 2 weeks; Camera System Update: 2/24/25 Verkada representative to install system at Farmer's Market, Evans Park, and City Hall; will update if cameras are available for bathroom in Evans Park; Council Request: add an additional camera in Evans Park for a one-time payment between \$500-\$1000 to address the concerns of vandalism and unsupervised children in Evans Park; Police Car Update: 2014 Dodge Charger to be taken out of service and re-purpose of equipment; Tahoe ordered in December and should arrive in April/May; Police Contact Update: any non-emergency calls to 803-652-7770 will be forwarded and answered by the officer on duty; Radio Update: 2026 deadline to get 16 new radios @ \$909/radio(includes \$241 discount); Corporal Ayre(SRO): D.A.R.E. has 2 weeks left before graduation(date to be determined); new SRO uniform with mascot on it.

***Streets/Roads/Sewer-(Jason Morgan)**-previous DHEC issues must be completed; Storm Clean-up Update: contractors are 95% complete; park restroom purchases to be completed by the end of next week; Old Whiskey development is making progress; Community Center: folding chairs ordered/delivered (chose lighter weight for ease in moving them); purchased dump trailer to move debris more easily.

***Parks/Recreation-(Jessica Weathersbee)**-Baseball: 2 T-ball, 1 Baseball, and 1 Softball team; speaker Mr. Williams did not attend due to prior engagement; bridging gap with Christ Central for community service needs; Workday at NEMS field: 3/1/25 @ 9am; Aiken School Board to fix leaks, new roof on press box, and water fountains installed at NEMS field building; Fence @ Evans Park: fencing will be started on one side; installation will have to be complete before 4/1/25 to allow enough time before SRNS event later in the month (fence quotes available at www.newellentonsc.com with approved minutes);

prospective dates for community egg hunt-4/5, 4/12, and 4/19; DJ Jammin James-Emcee for Christmas Parade 12/6/25; Brenda's Balloons & Southern Carolina-will donate flowers to city; BK Keenan-donating 20 gallons of a neutral color paint for Painter's Union to paint Community Center; volunteers are welcome to assist with concession stand(Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday games @6pm)-Pastor Ratcliff: announcer

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Council Meeting December 23, 2024

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Rickey Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

Council Meeting February 7, 2025

Motion to approve: Rickey Foster

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Fencing Bid for Evans Park

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: James Anderson

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for Elite(\$15,692.43)to be completed 4/1/25; if the terms are not met by Elite, Superior(\$18,650.21) will receive contract and must be completed by 4/1/25

Approval of New Garbage Service Contractor

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: James Anderson

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for Capital Waste to begin after May 31st, 2025

Approval of 2025 Council Retreat Goals List

Motion to approve:

2nd to the motion:

**no vote taken; added to March meeting agenda*

Approval of Sale of Fire Truck 2018 Freightliner Tanker 25

Motion to approve: Rickey Foster

2nd to the motion: James Anderson

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval of sale to Central City Fire Department

Approval of Sale of Fire Department's Ladder Truck

Motion to approve: Geneva S. Jackson

2nd to the motion: Rickey Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

*Plaque presented to City Administrator, Kenny Cook, by council who thanked him for his years of service, willingness to explain/share, and getting the city's first full-time administrator; new administrator (Lynn McEwen) to begin 3/10/25.

***Kim Williams(Mayor)**- Hope Charter School: application submitted to state and awaiting approval; school will give residents a choice of another school in the area; school will be located on property next to Christ

Central; K-2nd grade will be available with hopes to extend grade level each year to have time to prepare children for testing in 3rd grade; New Business to city: Rinky Dink Outdoors coming soon; Karate: Chief Solomon & Jessica Weathersbee to assist with development of prospective karate program in the city; Master Karen-Inner City Martial Arts Instructor to teach

***Elvira Johnson-Holley-** SRP Bank Update: teller construction has begun; hopes for full-service branch in the future; O'Reilly's ribbon cutting to be determined; New Business to city: Nuclear City Nutrition-will let Jessica know details of ribbon cutting; Military banner: Jessica will make forms available on social media platform & she has information on brackets to hang them

***Geneva S. Jackson-** Gospel Concert: Four Mile Baptist Church Choir- to be held 4/11/25 at Farmer's Market; flyer sent to local churches for participation; may be able to incorporate egg hunt on the same day(Jessica-there may not be enough children to participate due the 2 week break from school); Black History Program: Gail Diggs, speaker; to be held at Community Center 2/28/25 @ 7pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ashley Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Central City Fire Dept. – Letter of intent



City Clerk/Signature/Date



Mayor/Signature/Date



New Ellenton Police Department

Joshua Solomon
Chief of Police

ATTN: City of New Ellenton Council
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The New Ellenton Police Department had the following totals for the span of December 16, 2024 through February 18, 2024:

- (36) Incident reports completed
- (257) Calls for service with (96) assisting other agencies
- (116) Citations issued
- (110) Warnings issued
- (5) arrests made
- (5) Collision reports completed

*Motorola Body Camera system (network server/server rack) in process of being assembled after rack arriving this morning. We should be having Motorola and G&S Computing come together to facilitate the final steps of installation to have system operational within next few weeks.

*Verkada cameras will be beginning the installation process February 24th for City Hall and the Farmer's Market/Park areas.

*Multiple upcoming training for all officer's through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy to enhanced skills to utilize and perform better for the citizens of New Ellenton.

*2014 is being dead lined, all equipment in process of getting removed for repurposing in other patrol vehicles and other parts unable to be used to be listed for sale by the PD on auction site(s). (i.e. GovDeals.com)

*2025 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV ordered in December for new Chief vehicle to allow storage for crime scene materials/equipment Durango cannot store, estimated build-by/arrival to be around April-May to be taken to be upfitted in Heflin, Alabama at Buster Miles Upfitters.

*Cpl. Ayre with SRO updates.

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Hospitality Tax for funding

Basketball Court

New fence to be installed 6ft off asphalt

241'

FENCE FOOTAGE CONTAINED IN THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROXIMATE BASED ON THE FIELD MEASUREMENTS.
FINAL PRICE WILL BE ADJUSTED BASED ON ACTUAL FOOTAGE USED, AS SET FORTH IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Job Notes

customer to clear fence line of debris and growth prior to installation
fence will follow contour of the land

Customer to clear fence line.

No returns for special order products

"ABOVE AND BEYOND"

This company was a pleasure to deal with from the time we started our project you could tell that customer service was very important to them. This showed in the way they explained the project to making sure that every deadline was met. I would deal with the company again because they showed great integrity in business.

Judith Volger

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Reviews
★★★★★ 4.7



Today's Price: 10 ft black commercial chain link \$18,650.21

Choose your payment method

Pay with Financing \$18,650.21

Pay with ACH/E-Check \$18,650.21

Pay with Credit Card \$18,650.21

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ESTIMATE



Prepared For

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Estimate # 2336
Date 02/12/2025

Description	Total
Fence Installation	\$15,692.43
10' Black Commercial Grade Chain Link Fence	
Subtotal	\$15,692.43
Total	\$15,692.43

If they guarantee by April 1st completion