

**Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
Mon., August 19, 2024 7:00 PM
Minutes**

WORK SESSION 6:30 PM

Discuss the Local Government Investment Fund and Banking

WELCOME

Kim Williams- Mayor

INVOCATION

Geneva S. Jackson- Councilwoman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL

Present: Geneva S. Jackson, Ashley Morgan, Kim Williams, Carl Cullpepper III, Elvira Johnson-Holley and James Anderson

Not Present: Ricky Foster

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Linda Caldwell- Aiken County Hometown Hero Banners
Army Vet Nurse during Vietnam War; project started in Aiken and North Augusta; over 200 banners. To Veterans of Aiken County Veterans Council must be honorably discharge; need photo, \$85 per side. Applications taken online due by April 1st, 2025, must designate liaison. Banner displayed May-July 4th then November- December 25th.
2. Dana Cook & Christine Lewis- Financial Counseling, EQUIP Mortgage Program Security Federal Bank
Financial Counseling a free program started in 1994, one on one program to establish plan. Equip Mortgage Program- \$73,000 or less; 100% financing up to \$250,000 at least 600 credit score, \$1,000 closing cost contribution at 5.5%; 5.25% of drafted payment.
3. Jade Nealous- 7-year Community Supply Giveaway Partnership and Crowning Lupus Organization. Started non-profit 11 years ago, 8-year partner with New Ellenton. Crowning Lupus Board Member Present: Elaine Nealous, Erika Boyd, Rachel Polk and Ronneca Brown.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting July 15, 2024

Motion= Carl Culpepper II

2nd to motion= Elvira Johnson-Holley

Unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading Vote on Ordinance Requiring Compliance with City Postings in City Parks - Ordinance No. 09-16-24
Motion= Carl Culpepper II
2nd to motion= James Anderson, Unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Chief Solomon- presented retirement plaque to Hugh Ray. Awards to Bobby Day and Alan Bolton for incident on August 6th when they were first to scene for a gunshot victim. They preformed life saving measures with team work and professionalism. 29 incident reports, 97 calls for service, Charger out of service. On 8/12 Jacob Watson hired with 9 years of service, welcomed new officer. Brenda's Sew & Show sewed on new patches on uniform shirts. Camera system to be finalized.

Jessica Weathersbee- Parks & Recreation sponsorship link on Facebook and online registration for Fall Sports. 84 children registered. Earned \$750 in car wash. Jade & Co. new business in city has Blue Devil apparel. Atomic Festival vendor online registration and payment links, also past vendors mailed registration forms. City partnered with Crescent Automotive to host Jeeps vs Broncos show. Community wide Trunk or Treat event October 31st. SOP- Google calendar reservations for rentals. Police Officer required at events serving alcohol with off duty pay. No charge for community outreach 501 (c)(3), but not all non-profits are eligible. Online payments accepted for rental center agreements.

Chief Kellems – Open House scheduled for Saturday September 14th from 10am-2pm. Fire Dept. will participate with Trunk or Treat. County Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Voted on 3rd reading on referendum.

Kenny Cook – Signs for posting about Splat Ball Guns in Aiken doesn't require ordinance to post signs in New Ellenton. Our city ordinance backs signage enforcement actions.

Elvira Johnson-Holley – Attended Municipal Meeting in Greenville. Awaiting information about SRP and when she knows more she will pass it on.

Kim Williams – Meeting for local business owner to have a place online for local businesses to collaborate with each other in other cities. Small City Summit on 8/22/24 caters to smaller cities. City hopes to add beautification features possibly bike lanes.

Geneva Jackson – Collaboration and networking, branding ideas for city. Augusta Transit Meeting- annual certification for ARTS; federal level audit and ARTS had minor findings that haven't been reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: James Anderson
2nd to motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley
Unanimous vote to adjourn

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Ordinance No. 09-16-24

Zorayda J.E.D. 9/16/24
Clerk Signature / Date

Kim Williams 9/16/24
Mayor Signature / Date

State of South Carolina)
County of Aiken)
City of New Ellenton)

Ordinance No. 09-16-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW ELLENTON TO AMEND CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY OF NEW ELLENTON CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTION 14-8 TO REQUIRE THE OBSERVANCE AND OBEDIANCE TO POSTINGS IN CITY PARKS POSTED BY CITY COUNCIL OR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND TO ESTABLISH FOR THE SETTING OF PENALTIES FOR IGNORING SUCH POSTING AND SIGNAGE:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of New Ellenton have been concerned about the inability to effectively deter certain behaviors in City recreational facilities and on and around city recreation and athletic parks that cause damage to the facilities and grounds, and;

WHEREAS, some behaviors can be unsafe and may risk physical harm to those visiting and using the parks and facilities for various authorized activities, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council want to encourage physical and mental activity through the usage of the parks and facilities in a safe, clean, and attractive environment and;

WHEREAS, the provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all City of New Ellenton owned recreational property located within the incorporated limits of New Ellenton, South Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ELLENTON HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1:

(A) It is unlawful for any person to disobey posted rules in any City park or facility and any person doing so shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The penalty for such violation shall be in accordance with Section 6-6 of the New Ellenton Code of Ordinances.

(B) For the purpose of this section, the posted rules shall govern the use of Evans Park and parking areas adjacent thereto, The Community Center and parking areas adjacent thereto and any other recreational or athletic facility owned by the City of New Ellenton.

Section 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give the provisions of this ordinance full force and effect.

Adopted by the City of New Ellenton at a meeting held this 16th day of September 2024 at which a quorum was present and voting.

First Reading: August 19, 2024,
Second Reading: September 16, 2024

Kimberly Williams 9/16/24
Mayor Signature / Date

Zorayda J. E.
Attested by City Clerk