

**Regular Meeting of City Council  
New Ellenton City Hall  
Tues, Jan.16, 2024 7:00 PM**

**WORK SESSION** 6:30 pm

1. Discuss Committee Assignments

*\*No votes taken during work session\**

**WELCOME:** Mayor Kimberly Williams

**INVOCATION:** Councilwoman Geneva S. Jackson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Stood

**COUNCIL ROLL CALL:**

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

**Council Not Present:** N/A

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**\*Chief Solomon(Police Department)-** Flock camera system has increased \$500 per camera; decision to not move forward with Flock; one cadet in academy; 58 total arrests for year(2023)

**\*Jason Morgan(Streets/Roads Supervisor)-** DOT in town cutting down trees throughout town; storing equipment near City Hall; Aiken Electric scheduled to take down Christmas lights & replace bulbs at park; Kenny working on grant for replacement toilets; trees to be removed in park for \$3200

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:**

Regular Council Meeting December 18, 2023

*Motion to approve: Geneva S. Jackson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Second Reading Approval of Amended Sewer Rate Ordinance

*Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: James Anderson*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Vote to Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

*Motion to approve: James Anderson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Rickey Foster*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval for Carl Culpepper, III as Mayor Pro Tem*

2. Vote to Approve Committee Assignments

*Motion to approve: Geneva S. Jackson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: James Anderson*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

3. Vote to Accept Council Goals

*Motion to approve: James Anderson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Rickey Foster*

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

**\*Kim Williams(Mayor)-** ten intersections being considered in Whiskey Rd. Feasibility Project; closing for old KFC supposed to occur for O'Reilly's to occupy; non-profit opening in city that furnishes books to neighboring schools; excited for upcoming year with committees.

**\*Carl Culpepper, III-** (Fire Department)152 calls for service

**\*Elvira Johnson-Holley-** Commendation to Streets & Roads; Silver Bluff Athletics Gala-will be sponsoring a table; Eric Jenkins-SRP annual meeting is coming & will be moving forward with SRP virtual teller in New Ellenton; spoke to owner of KJ's about fixing the parking lot

**\*Geneva Jackson-** Attended DOT meeting, looking to complete in Fall of 2024 & suggested they come to look at project; Pine Log Rd project may affect our project completion; council can submit proposals on what projects they may desire completed in the city; invited Jim Broomes to attend 2/20/24 meeting for update on what is going on with district; need volunteers for advisory board for DOT.

**\*James Anderson-** Baseball registration to start \$85 per player; sponsorship opportunities for business and individuals to support baseball program; would like to do sign-up stations & met with principal is excited for program; would like to start soccer program.

**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: N/A**

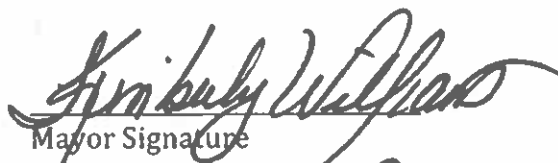
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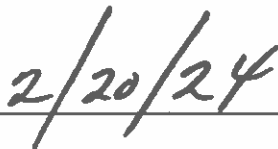
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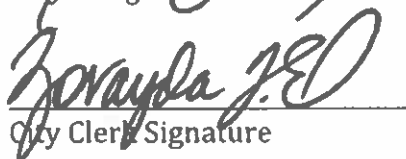
Ordinance No. 1-16-24

Exhibit A

Council Goals

  
Mayor Signature

  
Date

  
City Clerk Signature

  
Date

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

Ordinance No. 01-16-24

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW ELLENTON TO AMEND ORDINANCE 8-14-14 SECTION I (F) WHICH HAD AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 98-0720 WHICH HAD ADOPTED THE SEWER RATE IN 1998 FOR THE CITY OF NEW ELLENTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of New Ellenton have demonstrated that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the sewer rates from a flat rate of \$30/month to a base rate of \$36/month with an escalated rate structure based on water usage for single family residences and to add an escalated rate for all other non-single-family sewer customers and commercial accounts as shown in Exhibit A, due to the increasing cost of fuel, utilities, and labor cost over the past 10 years and;

WHEREAS, the average sewer rate for 17 towns in South Carolina similar in size to New Ellenton is \$41.98 or 33% higher than the rate currently charged in New Ellenton and;

WHEREAS, the CPI has risen by over 30% in last ten years since the city of New Ellenton's last rate increase and;

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

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

Section 1: That for the past ten years the sewer rates in New Ellenton have remained at \$30/month for residential and the rates set for commercial businesses while the inflationary rate has increased over 30%. Therefore, all single-family residential sewer customers within the City of New Ellenton will have their sewer rates set at a base rate of \$36/month up to 2,000 gallons of water used, and an additional rate of \$2.00 per thousand over 2,000 gallons used up to 4,000 gallons, and an additional fee of \$1.00 per thousand for water usage over 4,000 gallons of water. All non-single-family residents and commercial accounts will have base rate fees as shown in Exhibit A and use the same escalating fee as herein set for single-family residential customers.

Section 2: The sewer tap fee will increase from \$600 to \$2,000. The new sewer tap fee will apply to developments and single residential projects approved after January 1, 2024.

Section 3: All sewer customers' bills will be based on the averages of their January, February, and March bills each year. These averages will become their monthly sewer bill beginning in July of each year.

Section 4: 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.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective with the July 2024 utility billing by the City of New Ellenton.

Adopted by the City of New Ellenton at a meeting held this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024 at which a quorum was present and voting.

First Reading: December 18, 2023

Second Reading: January 16, 2024

Zorayda Z. D. 1/16/24  
City Clerk Signature / Date

Kimberly Williams 1/16/24  
Mayor / Date

## EXHIBIT A

### New base sewer rates for non-single-family residences (\$36.00):

Code 41 (S2 Commercial) = \$49.00

Code 42 (S3 Commercial) = \$56.00

Code 43 (S4 Church) = \$56.00

Code 44= (S5 restaurant) \$63.00

Code 45 (S6 Daycare) = \$105.00

Code 46 (S7 Grocery) = \$140.00

Code 47 (S8 Grocery) = \$246.00

Code 48 (S9 School) = \$228.00

Code 49 (S10 Charitable organization) = \$49.00

Code 50 (S11 Gas/Service Station) = \$49.00

New escalating fee structure beyond the above base rates for both single-family residential and all other customers including commercial customers:

2,000 gallons to 4,000 gallons of water usage = \$2.00 per thousand

Above 4,000 gallons of usage= \$1.00 per thousand

## **2024 Council Committees**

### **Administration**

- James; Geneva; Ashley

### **Special Events**

- Elvira; Ashley; Geneva

### **Parks/Recreation**

- James; Geneva; Kim

### **Fire**

- Elvira; Ricky; Ashley

### **Economic Planning/Development**

- Elvira; Geneva; James

### **Social Media**

- Carl; James; Ashley

### **Police**

- Kim; Ricky; Carl

### **Sewer/Sanitation & City Maintenance**

- Kim; Ricky; Carl