

Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
Mon., Nov. 18, 2024 7:08 PM
Minutes

WORK SESSION 6:30 pm

Discuss Employee Christmas Bonus
Discussion of Council Retreat and Holiday schedule

WELCOME Kim Williams

INVOCATION Elvira Johnson-Holley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE All stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL – Kim Williams, Ashley Morgan, Geneva S. Jackson, Ricky Foster, Carl Culpepper III, Elvira Johnson-Holley, James Anderson

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Christy Parker – Cleaning Neighborhood – not in attendance

Mr. Al Jenkins Regional Director for Tim Scott Office - goal to greet FEMA when they come to town and make sure they are funded; SBA ran out of money; Congress in session and hopes to fund with new session in December and continue resolution to come up with budget or a continued resolution; Senator is looking to be in banking committee as chairman.

Tina Thomas- Christ Central food drive from Walgreens a little over 100 people served; Golden Harvest food drive 222 people served; Christmas list drive on December 21st at 1pm-3pm for distribution of toys; 23rd of January Senior Day to begin again.

*Fire Chief – not in attendance

*Police Chief – vacancy filled; Estep is a certified officer currently in training and will go solo on the 24th of the month. New security camera system looking to be purchased soon. See attached monthly report.

*Streets/Roads/Sewer - DOT have started clean-up around city. Daktronics to fix electronic sign; well in park repaired \$6,500 to replace pump (Aiken Well Drilling); bathrooms are almost done will be installing water fountain before the end of the week; floors to be done on Thursday; Wednesday testing sewer lines at Whiskey Run development; Mrs. Geneva to contact HOA for The Pines regarding parking in the roads.

*Parks/Recreation – Thank you for everyone who participated in Trunk or Treat; Football over-concession net profit \$4,244.54; meeting with Aiken Co. Youth Football League that will help with waste solutions; Atomic City Festival Friday night M&M Concessions and CSRA Cornhole competition, Saturday at 10am opening ceremony, Solomon working on road closures; accepting vendors until 11/19/24; insurance received from larger vendors; umbrella insurance coverage for the day of festival; future events vendors will have to show proof of insurance. Spring sports (Softball & Baseball) are live for players that are in system. Tree lighting 12/5 with cookies and hot chocolate; Principal Barker will have chorus at lighting. Christmas Parade link is live on New Ellenton's Facebook page. Veteran banners available at website and will have booth at festival for sign-up. Meeting on Wednesday regarding starting

Yoga classes at the Community Center. Team Pass parents have received information for signing-up children for Spring Sports.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting October 21, 2024

Correction under Fire Dept. change well from will

Motion to approve: Ricky Foster

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Second Reading to Approve Ordinance #11-18-2024 to Amend Requirements for Attendance of Council Members at Regular Monthly Council Meetings

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper III

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve 2025 Calendar

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper III

2nd to the motion: Ricky Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. Approve Employee Christmas Bonus

\$100 gift card to Target or Walmart

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper III

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

5 in favor 2 recusal

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Geneva S. Jackson – Municipal Association updates directory once a year; booth for Greendale at Atomic Festival; Brenda's Balloon to donate a wreath for raffle. On 11/26/24 Pastor Rodney Bryant will host community dinner at community center.

Elvira Johnson-Holley – O'Reilly's ribbon cutting ceremony waiting on store manager to get approval from home office to go ahead; Eric Jenkins (SRP) updates to come for dates on breaking ground; waiting for call from Smoothie Groove for ribbon cutting.

Kim Williams – WeShopSC.com is a way for local businesses to have a connection with other businesses throughout the state. On 11/7/24 attended Christ Central Ministry Conference – education; homelessness issues; how officers deal with the mentally ill; Superintendent of SC discussed going back to basic skills; letter of intent for Charter School in New Ellenton; building committees to assist with school; sent application to Department of Education of SC.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper III

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval


City Clerk Signature/Date

 12/10/24
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 month of February 2024:

- (24) Incident reports completed
- (59) Calls for service with (21) assisting other agencies
- (30) Citations issued
- (27) Warnings issued
- (7) arrests made
- (2) Collision reports completed

*Final quote on City Hall/Farmer's Market/Park camera's completed to include installation, electronics and other necessary materials as well to have all cameras operational.

3-year licensing is \$23,195.27

10-year licensing is \$30,129.52

*SCDPS approved NEPD for the Body Worn Camera (BWC) grant funds, waiting for that to be deposited so we can purchase the BWC to integrate the new systems when they arrive.

*Stop-Sticks have been purchased that were needed to have all shift patrol vehicles

*Our final vacancy is filled and began his training with NEPD on November 11th, 2024 where we will have 24/7 coverage. New officer is Officer Estep, who is currently in Field Training Observation (FTO).