

**Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton Community Center
Mon., Oct.21, 2024 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

WORK SESSION 6:00 pm

Hurricane Follow-up and Future Planning/Needs for Natural Disasters

WELCOME – Kim Williams

INVOCATION – Geneva S. Jackson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL

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

Council Not Present: James Anderson

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Deborah Creech – Christ Central updates; Christmas Giveaway for Children will be held in December; Christ Central Missions Hope & Help Community Conference will be held November 7-9, 2024; 2nd Wednesday of every month Golden Harvest Food Giveaway 11am-3pm.

Fire Dept.- Mike Kellems – no monthly report; 796 calls for service during the storm, Fire 982 calls, 106 pending calls at one time- 30-35 properties or 120-125 trees taken down, no structure fires; two accidents; one fatality during storm clean-up; staff hours 500 hours. CPST tower going down – back-up doesn't work ~~will~~ during storms; no issues with 800; consider voting for update to technology efforts.

Police Dept.- Joshua Solomon – see reports for monthly calls; reports; trial camera equipment is going well; Wednesday company coming to assist with placement with camera on intersection of Smith and Main Street; tag reader and 30 day of video retention; power over ethernet; G& S Computing will give quote to upgrade power; SCD OPS- Body worn camera grant fund approval \$35,035.20 total \$9,638.40 (amount from City) ; Stop Sticks safe stop for vehicles to reduce speed of fleeing vehicles; comes with spare needles in the event they break or bend; large rise in pursuits lately; would like one in each shift vehicle. Last vacancy filled candidate gave his two weeks' notice today; Silver Tahoe for new officer; breakdown of cost to be paid to Saluda? municipal lease for vehicles? will need a more dependable fleet of vehicles.

Streets& Roads- Jason Morgan - new water fountain in the park soon \$6,500. Letters for dump truck and F-150; limbs are being collected in sections; state and county roads debris will be picked up; don't stack debris too close to the road for pedestrian and traffic safety.

Sewer Dept.- Jason Morgan – Engineer was denied by 3 Rivers to dump sludge waiting to get approval before liner replacement can be done.

Kenny Cook- City Admin. – Insurance adjuster came last week to City Hall to estimate the damages after flooding in offices. Public Hearing on November 7th at 5:00 pm to consider a variance request for townhomes on Old Whiskey Road that engineers are planning to put sidewalks five feet on front and rear of development. Board of Zoning Appeals will meet to discuss. sign posted at address and ad will run in

newspaper on 10/23. Debris clean up with bigger cities first (memorandum of understanding) ; then we will have some debris pick up.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting September 16, 2024- change date to September 16th

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper III

2nd to the motion: Ricky Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First 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

2. Vote to Commit Remaining ARP Funds to Wastewater Treatment Plant Project for RIA Grant Match and Engineering and Project Management Costs

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper III

2nd to the motion: Ricky Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Kim Williams (Mayor)- Thank you for attendance and input and help from the community businesses that assisted in clearing roads for everyone.

Carl Culpepper III – New Ellenton Fire Dept. hosting annual Turkey Shoot in November.

Geneva Jackson – Developmental impact fee are we charging? Kenny replied what could be charged, it's a fee each time a detention pond is built. Sewer rate structure increase: up front commitment of funds: pay a certain amount of tap fees forfeit if development doesn't proceed ; money coming into City should pay for upkeep. Greendale not included in sales tax referendum; will set up booth at Atomic Festival.

Ashley Morgan – Halloween Trunk or Treat October 31st @ 6pm. Trunk Contest. Atomic City Festival November 22nd & 23rd.

Elvira Johnson-Holley – Municipal meeting utility system and financing options; safety/risk management discussed clean up projects; food trucks/vendors is there anything about insurance?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Geneva Jackson

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper III

Supporting materials attached:

Ordinance No. 11-18-2024

 11/18/24
City Clerk Signature/Date

 11/18/24
Mayor Signature/Date

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF AIKEN

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ORDINANCE 11-18-2024

CITY OF NEW ELLENTON

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of New Ellenton, South Carolina desires that members of the City Council attend as many of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of City Council as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of New Ellenton that the City Clerk shall prepare and have the amount each official earned for the previous month direct deposited in their chosen bank account each month.

Members of City Council who fail to attend two regular monthly meetings of the City Council shall not receive remuneration for the month(s) during which they missed the third regular meeting and additional absences of the City Council during the fiscal year. Exceptions to this will be made for work obligations beyond their control or a death in their immediate family. Council members are expected to notify the mayor at least forty-eight hours before each absence that is due to their work or a family death. The mayor shall notify the city clerk at least forty-eight hours before each work-related or family death related absence. Failure to perform the notification(s) will result in no remuneration for the missed regular Council meeting(s).

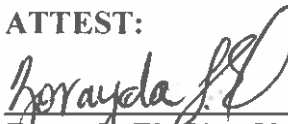
It is further ordained by the City Council of the City of New Ellenton that all Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

DONE AND RATIFIED in Council assembled on this 18th day of November 2024.



Kimberly Williams
Mayor

ATTEST:



Zorayda El, City Clerk