

**Regular Meeting of City Council**

**New Ellenton City Hall**

**Mon., May 19, 2025 7:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**\*Meeting streamed live on city Facebook page\***

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**WORK SESSION:** 6:00 pm Budget Workshop \*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;; Elvira Johnson-Holley; Geneva S. Jackson

**Council Not Present:** James Anderson

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

CPW Update- Parity Agreement

**\*Administration-(Lynn McEwen)** June is the start of the new garbage contract with Capital Waste Systems; 2025 Annual Meeting July 16-20 in Hilton Head will have a drawing on June 1<sup>st</sup> ; Hometown Heroes Veteran Flag Program, congratulations to Ms. Geneva Jackson for getting the \$3000 grant from Porter Fleming Foundation, all New Ellenton and Ellenton residents can apply for a \$50 for one side of banner, September 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to apply, banners will be placed on Main Street with the help of Aiken Electric Coop, Banners will be displayed on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day; Having meeting with Lower Savannah Council of Governments regarding demolition grant project; still waiting on audit.

**\*Fire Chief-(Mike Kellems)**-107 calls for service; Williston purchased ladder truck and proceeds in contingency account \$145,000;we are in good shape \$6,000 over budget; Fire Fees have increased \$16,000 from last year; received two volunteer applications and need to do background check, 28 currently on roster but would like 25 more volunteers; \$140 training requirement.

**\*Police Chief-(Chief J. Solomon)**-information from police report (report available at [www.newellentonsc.gov](http://www.newellentonsc.gov) with approved minutes); National Night Out coming up 5/29 at Evans Park 201 Pinehill Ave. from 5-8pm; Wellstar Helicopter, SLED, American Red Cross, Dunk tank to raise money for Fallen Officer Memorial Fund.

**\*Streets/Roads/Sewer-(Jason Morgan)**- Four Mile Baptist Church Community Event coming up at the Farmer's Market; purchase order for F-250 for July 2025; New well at Evans Park; Tuesday and Wednesday new trash cans will be delivered and stored at Middle School for delivery to residents; Storm Clean-up Update: contractors are 99% complete; Summit, Old Whiskey and Ohio water drainage issue SCDOT has been informed.

**\*Parks Recreation & Tourism (Lynn McEwen)**- Jessica Weathersbee resigned; we will still conduct Farm Fresh Fridays with volunteer help; and will begin looking for a new director soon.

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

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*Motion to approve:* Geneva S. Jackson with two corrections noted.

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**OLD BUSINESS:** Insurance Renewal Update

Renewal is \$7,000 increase; \$76,000 for all employees; BlueCross BlueShield alternate C, E, F; dental and vision no change.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval of Parity Agreement for the CPW

USDA and Ameris Bank 1.2-million-dollar loan. The USDA is giving the blessing to the CPW to secure the loan.

*Motion to approve:* Elvira Johnson-Holley

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Carl Culpepper, III  
*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**Resolution 2025-03: Acceptance of Bid**

Only one bid received Haren Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Pond Liner Replacement \$1,363,250 including change order one.

*Motion to approve:* Carl Culpepper, III

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of Resolution 2025-03*

**First Reading of Ordinance 2025-01: Franchise Fee**

*Motion to approve: to be read by title only* Ricky Foster

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

*This is the Ordinance to allow Spectrum Southeast LLC's application for franchise fee to be approved.*

*Motion to approve on First Reading:* Carl Culpepper, III

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of Ordinance 2025-01 Franchise Fee*

**Update on Yard Debris Removal- Discussion and Update of Memorandum**

Discussion on excessive yard debris as regards to trees being cut down; new revised memorandum and ordinance will be followed shortly. Door hangers for residents in violation were discussed.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2025-02: Waste Disposal**

*Motion to approve:* Geneva S. Jackson

*2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion:* Carl Culpepper, III

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:**

**\*Kim Williams(Mayor)-** Aiken Transportation Meeting Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting with Pickle Ball Academy Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to bring Pickle Ball to New Ellenton.

**\*Elvira Johnson-Holley & Geneva S. Jackson-** attended a luncheon for the Fatherhood Coalition; for June Council Meeting Maurice Lindsey will make a presentation.

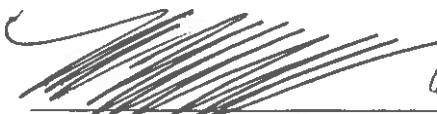
**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to approve:* Carl Culpepper, III

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

*There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Personnel changes and salaries discussion; returning to regular meeting; there was no vote taken.

  
City Clerk Signature/Date 6/16/25

  
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 from April 21, 2025 to May 19, 2025:

- (49) Incident reports completed
- (110) Calls for service with (47) assisting other agencies
- (57) Citations issued
- (25) Warnings issued
- (3) arrests made
- (2) Collision report completed

\*Verkada cameras have all been installed for City Hall and the Farmer's Market/Park areas. We have 2 in front of PD at Main Street on our personally owned light pole and permit to supply with power to have operational soon. Camera's in Park having connectivity issues with tech coming tomorrow to advise how to fix and get online to upload footage from last (30) days.

\*Still looking into more options to allow more frequent firearms/Use of Force type training.

\*NEPD encouraging ride-alongs to give better perception of daily Officer activities by public, still would like Council members to participate.

\*Officer Craig is doing well in her new position at Greendale Elementary, being proactive and addressing ways to ensure the safety of staff and students.

\*Having mechanical issues with 2019 Tahoe, will be going into shop tomorrow to establish repair options/costs to weigh decisions on what steps to take next. No spare vehicles at this time as a result.