

**Regular Meeting of City Council**  
**New Ellenton City Hall**  
**Mon., April 21, 2025 7:00 PM**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting streamed live on city Facebook page**

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**WORK SESSION** (Council Member photos)

**WELCOME** – Kim Williams

**INVOCATION** – Geneva Jackson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - All stood

**COUNCIL ROLL CALL**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Deborah Creech & Tina Thomas – Christ Central Update – Food Pantry every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 11-3pm. Life Skills every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 11-1pm. Mental Health Aid certification was obtained by both Tina Thomas and Deborah Creech. June 28<sup>th</sup>. Baby Diaper Wipe Drive support from Cedar Creek Woman's Club. Every Thursday Senior Meals. Opening clothes closet and taking donations.

CPW Update- Trey Stephens- Upgrade to Florida Ave and Fern Street almost complete. Permits are not done by DOT, should have an update in 1-2 months.

Mr. Jenkins representative for Tim Scott wants us to advise his office if grants are interrupted, delayed or cancelled. Priority funding for jobs at SRS.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

\*Administration – Lynn McEwen – Schedule budget workshop for May 12<sup>th</sup>. Drafting ordinance granting consent to Spectrum, cable internet provider, application of 5% franchise fee. Proposed employee handbook changes and updates. Solid Waste Contract is approved and signed. Sewer pond liner replacement bid 4/22/25. Dental and vision insurance no rate increases, looking into other medical plans. Audit should be complete in the next 2-3 weeks.

\*Fire Chief – Mike Kellems- 151 calls for service; no issues meeting budgeted revenue, Mini pumper truck 2026 delivery. Paving of Williamson Ave was part of the referendum CPST-5 voted on last year and funding for those projects should be in June 2026. The issue right now is easement has not been obtained by some residents and if not received it will kill the project.

\*Police Chief -Joshua Solomon- May 29<sup>th</sup> National Night Out accepting donations of food and drinks. Monthly report available online at [newellentonsc.gov](http://newellentonsc.gov) with approved minutes.

\*Streets/Roads/Sewer – Jason Morgan- 5,000 people expected to attend SRS Safety Expo, Evans Park will be closed to the public during event. Dump truck out of service for repairs, limb pick up to start Tuesday. Albert Simmons retired after 19 years of service. New hire to start Tuesday, 4/22/25.

\*Parks/Recreation- Jessica Weathersbee- Spring sports now; new website; form conversion for Youth Sports Registration. May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Farm Fresh Friday, 9-1pm, working on preparations for the Atomic City Festival, Tree Lighting, Christmas Parade.

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Regular Meeting March 17, 2025 –  
Motion to approve: Geneva Jackson  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Ricky Foster  
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Website Update**

Presentation of new website. Working on changing email to .gov. Going live May 1<sup>st</sup>. All updates we can manage and make changes to site as needed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Resolution 2025-01 Fair Housing Resolution**

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Elvira Johnson Holley  
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

#### **Resolution 2025-02 Employer Resolution for Participation in the SC Deferred Comp Prog.**

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III  
2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion: Elvira Johnson Holley  
There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

### **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Elvira Johnson-Holley- Geneva S. Jackson and I attended SRP annual meeting. Eric is moving to another Credit Union and I wanted to thank him for helping New Ellenton get virtual teller and thank you SRP.

James Anderson- Congratulations to Council on accomplishing a lot of our goals; hiring Lynn full time has been a game changer for the city and this Council.


Geneva S. Jackson – Attended ARTS meeting and they are looking for people to be on the Citizen Advisory Committee and sent forms to join. ARTS is soliciting help on the Unified Planning work, to make comments go to ARTS website.

Ashley Morgan – Hiring Lynn was a huge accomplishment; thank to all our departments it wouldn't be possible without your hard work and putting in extra hours people don't even know about.

Kim Williams – Elvira and I attended Charter School meeting expected to be open sooner than expected in the fall of 2027 and also extend school to higher grade level. Ayre we appreciate your time with us as SRO and wish you the best. Thank you, Doug, from the Planning Commission for coming out.

### **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

 5/19/25  
**City Clerk Signature/Date**

  
**Mayor Signature/Date**