

Regular Meeting of City Council

New Ellenton City Hall

Mon., May 20, 2024 7:02 PM

MINUTES

Meeting streamed live on City's Facebook page

WORK SESSION-NO VOTES TAKEN DURING WORK SESSION* 5:00 pm

1. Discuss 24/25 Budget

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:

1. **Lucas Grant-** Candidate for Sheriff for Aiken County-*Not in Attendance will attend June's meeting*
2. **Donnie Cooper-**SRNS-*Not in Attendance*
3. **Renee Stewart-** Christ Central Ministries-President of South Carolina Chapter; presented next speaker, Keyatta Priester, and future partnership with Allstar.
4. **Keyatta Priester-** Allstar, Diversity Director, and Community Relations Director with Aiken Electric Cooperative; came to meeting to ask council to become stakeholders and possibly donate a 4-5,000 square facility for the prospective Christian-based charter school that will identify the gaps/needs of children in the area and provide a secure and caring learning environment; the prospective staff would be community residents, where possible; there will be a need for at least 6 months to begin steps toward child care facility, hopes to move forward within 2 to 3 years to a charter school that will provide opportunity for 70-80 children from ages newborn through 13 years.

***Chief Solomon(Police Department)-** *monthly report discussed will be available with approved minutes at www.newellentonsc.com* SRNS safety meeting: there was a unanimous "thank you" for the event held at the city and they are looking forward to coming back after next year; going forward there will be child safety seat installations done by appointment; body cam and dash camera grant application has been submitted; May 31st is the first National Night Out(5-8pm)with fire department providing sprinkler, dump tank with donations, JDubbz and Atomic Café' providing food and helicopter(5-6pm).

***Corporal Thomas Ayres-** D.A.R.E. graduation: 50 children graduated last month; One essay winner from each of the three classes; hopes of expansion to middle school for 6th grade participation.

***Chief Kellems(Fire Department)-** *monthly report discussed will be available with approved minutes at www.newellentonsc.com* \$19,000 under projected revenue for budget year; VSAFE grant received was used to buy turn-out gear; 1% back from state is used for retention; Grade A from audit on expenses over \$100-the only deficiency was holding checks too long; will let council know outcome of county council votes

***Jason Morgan(Streets&Roads Supervisor)-** SRNS event went well; O'Reilly's sewer tap is complete; WIFI has been changed over

***Kenneth Cook(City Administrator)-** Reminded council that MASC conference is approaching and Zorayda(City Clerk) will need confirmation/details of whom will attend; Publiq to do a run through before implementation of new rates on 1st of July

***Debra Creech(Director of NE Christ Central)-** SC Thrive training was May 31; \$6,000 ^{grant}~~grand~~ was received from United Way; layout for upcoming housing project was completed

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting April 15, 2024

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Reading Approval of the 2024/25 Budget Ordinance and Budget

Motion to approve: James Anderson

2nd to the motion: Ricky Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

2. First Reading Approval of the 2024/25 Millage Rate Ordinance

Motion to approve: James Anderson

2nd to the motion: Ricky Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

3. First Reading Approval of Rezoning of Parcel #125-20-02-024 on Old Whiskey Road*Public Hearing will be held June 10th @ 6:30pm*

Motion to approve: James Anderson

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

***Kim Williams(Mayor)-** Thank you to all who attended

***Elvira Johnson-Holley-** communicating with Security Federal Bank in hopes to do free financial counseling; awaiting information from SRP CEO about development of bank

***Geneva Jackson-** ARTS meeting projected green lights project for Eagle Rd. discussed; Good information gathered at meeting; information about homeless will be passed to Debra; clean-up grants are available; Juneteenth celebration will be held June 8th from 10am-2pm

***Ashley Morgan-** Music in the Market June 6th with vendors, food and music

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to approve: Ricky Foster

2nd to the motion: Geneva S. Jackson

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

INFORMATION:

Supporting materials attached:

Budget Ordinance and Budget

Millage Rate Ordinance and Millage Rate Budget

Rezoning Ordinance



City Clerk Signature/Date

 7/17/24

Mayor Signature/Date