

Regular Meeting of City Council

New Ellenton City Hall

Mon., March 17, 2025 7:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting streamed live on city Facebook page

WORK SESSION: N/A

WELCOME: Mayor Kimberly Williams

INVOCATION: Elvira Johnson-Holley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

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

Council Not Present: N/A

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

*Jade Harkness- Crowning Lupus Back to School Giveaway July 19th- 10th Annual giveaway in New Ellenton; permission given for 11th year to be hosted July 18th, 2026; giveaway has provided over 200 backpacks at each event and remaining are sent to Greendale for needs of students throughout school year.

*Deborah Creech & Tina Thomas – Christ Central Updates- Not in Attendance

*Leesha & Torres Johnson- Movie & Popcorn Night- Not in Attendance

*Brian Henderson(First Baptist Church, Jackson) – BRICK Building Restoration in Christ Kingdom(started in Allendale county-50103) that aims to make homes livable; 120 volunteers from all over the state to renovate(any renovation not requiring permits; no homes renovated for renters) as many homes as possible within weeks' time; the goal is to spread the gospel and leave people with contacts of local churches; projected dates are 10/5-11/25; the more projects the better; welcomes volunteers and options on lodging during renovations.

*Kevin Wiley-plans to build an apartment complex on 3.5 acres; 16 properties next to Summit

*Donyel Gordon-420 Summit Dr.-issues with water running off because of the development not grading well enough; major issue with dogs without leashes.

*Administration-

(City Administrator: Lynn McEwen): PEBA(South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority):

Voluntary deferred compensation program that will be presented to council and then to employees; will be another investment option for employees.

(City Clerk: Zorayda El): Website(Tyler Technologies): New meeting date to be determined due to change in staff; Ethics Commission: Reminder: Statement of Economic Interest Report due by 3/30/25.

*Fire Chief-**(Mike Kellems)**- Sale of 2018 tanker finalized; \$28,000 under projected revenue

*Police Chief-**(Chief J. Solomon)**- information from police report(report available at www.newellentonsc.com with approved minutes); Aiken county permit required for meter to be installed for camera outside City Hall; Citizens Academy: goal to promote transparency and a forum for community to ask questions and police to give information; Ride Along Program: goal to promote transparency and would love council and residents to see what a day may look like for the department; Thank you to SLED, SC Natural Resources, and Aiken County for assistance on 2/24 incident; attending meeting at SC State House for information on what assistance may be available to local agencies from the state level.

*Streets/Roads/Sewer-**(Jason Morgan)**- Evans Park: Postponed fence installation per SRS and will add 2 fifty amps in bathroom; water fountains have been installed; irrigation system isn't functional and water meter installation may be a more cost effective alternative to well being fixed(quotes-\$8,600 or meter:\$30 for residential rate); dump truck will be out of service for a week; DOT/County: missed a few streets that

have debris from storm and will be contacted for update; Painter Union: will get date this week for painting to be done at Community Center.

***Parks/Recreation-(Jessica Weathersbee)-**

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting February 18, 2025

Motion to approve: Rickey Foster

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Council Goals 2025

Motion to approve: James Anderson

2nd to the motion: Ashley Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Administrator to negotiate final contract with Solid Waste Collection Contractor

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Rickey Foster

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

***Kim Williams(Mayor)-** ARTS committee(GA)/Subcommittee(SC): there may be funding available; Hope Charter School: Bowling Springs meeting; Karate: Teacher, Karen, would like to partner & will be working with Jessica & Chief Solomon to get it started; New Business: Rinky Dink Outdoors Grand Opening first weekend of April.

***James Anderson-** Crowning Lupus: No payment required for any community event; would like to collaborate and asked that contact be made with Jessica; Baseball: games started 3/17/25; Family Fun Day went well; Thank you to New Ellenton businesses & city; there were over 200 hotdogs served.

***Elvira Johnson-Holley-** Crowning Lupus: Thank you from council and will reach out to Mercy Church to collaborate; SRP: moving forward with virtual teller; 65th Annual Meeting 3/25; registration at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

***Geneva S. Jackson-** Black History Program: Aiken County Councilwoman Gail Diggs, speaker, thank you for supporting event to Councilwoman Elvira Johnson-Holley; Gospel Concert: 4/11/25- city partnered with local churches for event; appearance on radio show "Morning Mix" to promote event; Jessica posted flyer on social media sites with invitation for everyone; MASC: attending training next week 3/26/25; ARTS: connector from Powder House Rd. in Aiken is underway.

ADJOURNMENT:


Motion to approve: Geneva S. Jackson

2nd to the motion: Carl Culpepper, III

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

Supporting materials attached:


City Clerk Signature/Date


Mayor Signature/Date