

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the Richard A. Bolin Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Keith Brady presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Brady: Council members present: Ray DuBose, George Alexander; Cynthia E. Jenkins; Clayton Hicks, Rhodes Shell and Dustin Koritko. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Della Hill; Planning Director, Tracy Dunnavant; Public Works Director, Michael Klahr; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Police Chief, Douglas (Buster) Meadows.

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 27, 2018

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Hicks to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for March 27, 2018 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

APPOINTMENT – KEEP NEWNAN BEAUTIFUL – UNEXPIRED TERM

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Koritko appointment to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission on the agenda for the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS – NEWNAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMISSION – 3 YEAR TERMS

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Daniel Barrett to the Newnan Youth Activities Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Hicks to appoint Steve Cothran to the Newnan Youth Activities Commission for a three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to re-appoint James Keith to the Newnan Youth Activities Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place the vacant appointment to the Newnan Youth Activities Commission on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – 3 YEAR TERMS

Motion by Mayor Brady, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Antoine Martin to the Urban Redevelopment Agency for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Shell and Councilman Koritko appointments on the agenda for the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL LICENSE – LOS MARIACHIS VII

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sale of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License for Los Mariachis VII located at 1111 Lower Fayetteville Road, Ste 300.

A representative of Los Mariachis VII was present for the hearing. No one spoke for or against the application. Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

The City Clerk advised that all the documentation had been received and everything was in order.

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Hicks to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License for Los Mariachis VII located at 1111 Lower Fayetteville Road, Ste. 300.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

CONSIDERATION FOR STAFF ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WIITH LEWALLEN CONSTRUCTION – PROJECT FOR INITIAL PHASE OF THE LINC

The Assistant City Manager informed Council five bids were received. Staff is recommending that Council authorize Staff to enter into negotiations with low bidder Lewallen Construction then return to Council with a report and contract recommendation.

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Alexander to authorize Staff to enter into negotiations with Lewallen Construction regarding project for the initial phase of the LINC.

MOTION CARRIED. (7- 0)

**SUBSTANDARD HOUSING STATUS REPORTS – 10 BURCH, 136 SPRING, 286
WEST WASHINGTON, 121 PINSON AND 180 WEST WASHINGTON STREETS**

<u>Property</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Resolution Deadline</u>
10 Burch Ave	Abdul Kader	Progress made	06/10/2018
136 Spring St	Willie Clay Estate	No progress	07/08/2018
286 W Washington St	Irvin Jones Estate	No progress	08/12/2018
121 Pinson St	Marcus Beasley	Progress made	09/11/2018
180 W Washington St	Render Godfrey	Progress made	09/11/2018

These are properties that have been before Council with public hearing. Information only.

**REQUEST – BRIDGING THE GAP – UTILIZE CJ SMITH PARK DAILY MONDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY – MAY 28, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 4, 2018 – LUNCHESES FOR
FOOD FOR CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY**

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request by Bridging the Gap to utilize CJ Smith Park daily Monday through Friday from May 28, 2018 through August 4, 2018 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to provide lunches for food insecure children in the community.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

**REQUEST – CLOSE PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS AND SIDEWALKS - APRIL
23 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2018 – FILM MOVIE “DR. BIRDS ADVICE FOR SAD POETS”**

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the request to close portions of certain streets and sidewalks at specific times on April 23, 2018 through April 26, 2018 to film movie referred to as “Dr. Birds Advice for Sad Poets” in the City of Newnan.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

**REQUEST – HOLD EVENT AROUND THE SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN NEWNAN
CALLED #NEWNANSTRONG – CELEBRATION OF NEWNAN’S COMMUNITY**

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Hicks to approve the request to hold an event around the Square in Downtown Newnan called #NewnanStrong - Celebration of Newnan’s Community on April 20, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

OFF AGENDA – PUBLIC SAFETY LUNCHEON

Ms. Norma Haynes, 50 Woodbine Drive, thanked the Mayor and Council for all of their support given to the public safety department. She invited Council to attend the Public Safety Luncheon on April 26, 2018 at the Newnan Fair Grounds.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Hicks to approve a donation of \$1,250 to help defray the cost of the Public Safety Luncheon for April 26, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

OFF AGENDA - EVENT – APRIL 21, 2018 – GREENVILLE STREET PARK

Pier Mehrruar, citizen, voiced her concerns about the safety plans in place, emergency team, and safety at home or on the streets, protection for citizens attending services at St Smyrna Church, safety location for citizens to come, and will there be a route for leaving town.

Mayor Brady stated we take this very serious. We attended a meeting this morning where a lot of questions were addressed. The paper will publish details as soon as they are available.

Chief Meadows asked citizens not to go around the area of the park. The streets will be opened in downtown and police officers will be patrolling all during the day.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins stated they are working on security for the services at St. Smyrna along with traffic plans. The service is open to all.

Clarence Bohannon, citizen, shared his opinion noting we need to train and educate the children of the danger of joining gangs and participating in hate groups. We need to be proactive for nonviolence.

Scott Anderson thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts to protect the citizens. He has two concerns: 1) The Africans Americans Museum on Farmer Street will be having spring cleanup on Sunday and asked for protection. 2) Council needs to provide a proclamation to cancel this group if we do not cancel it will send a statement we condone this.

Tangela Reese, International Christian Group, indicated this needs to be stopped, if not stopped we are inviting them and making a statement that we accept them.

City Attorney indicated this cannot be disallowed. He explained there are laws in the state that are in place. The city can be sued and the Georgia Courts would then tell us how to use the parks if this is not allowed. The cost for the services is the burden of the community.

Dana Bowers, Democracy Springs Georgia, stated the First Amendment has a few exceptions, including speech and words that would incite violence. The permit can be revoke with exceptions. There are more ways to use bad language such as with symbols and hateful saying. She is hoping the permit will be revoked. She is asking Council to take a stand for the State of Georgia and our country.

Shalonda Vassar West, citizen, asked if you choose to attend the rally will there be special instruction.

The Police Chief indicated people who wish to attend will be on the other side of the street, however we are asking people not to attend and give them attention.

COUNCIL MEMBER - RESIGNATING

Mayor Brady thanked Clayton Hicks for his twelve years of service. His wife Robin was in attendance and noted they will be starting a new chapter in their lives and relocating to Florida.

REMARKS – MAYOR PRO TEM JENKINS

Ms. Jenkins indicated the services on April 21, 2018 at St Smyrna will be a community service for everyone to come together. Everyone is invited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander that we now enter into closed session as allowed by O. C. G. A. §50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing legal issues and that we move, in open session to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or presiding officer to execute an affidavit in compliance with O. C. G. A. §50-14-4, and that this body ratify the actions of the Council taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meetings law at 3:35 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

No action taken.

RESOLUTION/MAYOR'S AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the affidavit stating that the subject matter of the closed portion of the Council meeting was within the exceptions provided by O. C.G.A. §50-14-4(b).

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to adjourn the Council meeting at 4:15 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor