

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2018

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, August 14, 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; Rhodes Shell; Dustin Koritko and Cynthia E. Jenkins. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Della Hill; Public Works Director, Michael Klahr; Planning Director, Tracy Dunnavant; City Planner, Chris Cole; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Deputy Police Chief, Mark Cooper.

MINUTES – SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING/SANITATION- JULY 17, 2018

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Called Council meeting/Sanitation for July 17, 2018 and adopt them as amended.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – JULY 17, 2018

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for July 17, 2018 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

APPOINTMENT – CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Koritko' s appointment to the Cultural Art Commission on the agenda for the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS – KEEP NEWNAN BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to appoint Bill Boyd to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission to replace Tom Lukens term expires June, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins appointment to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission on the agenda for the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – TERM EXPIRES 4/2019

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Alexander's appointment to the Urban Redevelopment Agency on the agenda for the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place these two appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals on the agenda for the next meeting.

CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Parks Avery, representing the committee members, informed Council the Newnan Centre generates an economic impact for the community. The Newnan Convention Center Authority was organized by State of Georgia Statute February 1999. The Authority entered into a joint development agreement with the Coweta County School System in January 2002 to purchase and developed 43 acres on Lower Fayetteville Road. The City of Newnan entered into a management agreement with the Convention Center Authority to manage the Newnan Centre in 2012 and amended it in March of 2014. The Council appoints seven members to serve on the Authority. Their main sources of income are Revenue from operations and 40% of the City's Hotel/Motel tax and 100% of the City's local Motor Vehicle Rental tax. In the fall of 2017 the Authority embarked on a Capital Improvements Planning Project. Four potential projects were prioritized for analysis. 1) Extension of the Pavilion Patio, 2) Pergola in the Amphitheater, 3) Enhancements to our security system and 4) Upgraded technology.

CHRISTMAS COMMISSION REQUEST/PRESENTATION 2018

Ms. Norma Haynes, Chair of Committee, thanked the Mayor and Council and Staff for all of their support. After review and consideration for the City's budget, the condition of current decorations and the master plan for the downtown area, the Committee is proposing the following recommendations for the 2018 Season:

- 1) Purchase new bows for 12 wreaths that hang on light poles throughout the downtown district. \$3,000
- 2) Purchase new holiday banners for the downtown district. Recommend purchasing 20 banners \$2,820
- 3) Purchase a 48 inch wreath for City Hall. \$145
- 4) Continue decorate City Hall, Carnegie Library, Greenville Street Park, Wadsworth/Fire Department and First Avenue Park. \$1,079.95
- 5) Build weighted base for waving Santa statue (purchased in 2015) to be placed next to the sleigh and Christmas tree on the square. \$1,500
- 6) Repaint the Sleigh and Mail Box used on the square. \$150

- 7) Remaining \$1,305.05 will be used for bulbs and lighting updates on existing trees and decorations.

LEISURE SERVICES MANAGER

The Assistant City Manager introduced Katie Mosley, Leisure Services Manager, indicating she has been on board for about a month.

2017 CAFR PRESENTED BY AUDITORS – CLIFTON, LIPFORD, HARDISON AND PARKER

Mr. Ken Neil, Audit Manager, indicated they performed an independent audit of the City's finance transactions and data for calendar year 2017. During the course of the audit they gathered evidence to express an opinion. They were able to issue an unmodified opinion which is the highest level you can reach. He thanked Staff and management for all the help provided during the audit. The audit has been submitted to the State.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROJECT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (PFA) BETWEEN GDOT AND THE CITY OF NEWNAN FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR LOWER FAYETTEVILLE ROAD

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman DuBose to authorize Mayor Brady to execute Project Framework Agreement (PFA) between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the City of Newnan (City) for transportation facility improvements for Lower Fayetteville Road.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

AGREEMENT – FORESITE GROUP, INC., AND CITY OF NEWNAN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the agreement between Foresite Group, Inc. and the City of Newnan for professional engineering services for Jackson St/Jefferson St/Clark St traffic study and recommendations to include pedestrian accommodations and vehicular operational improvements.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

CONTRACT AWARD – TROLLEY – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE COMMITMENT OF FUNDS FROM SPLOST 2013 AND GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED BALANCE FOR ACQUISITION OF A TROLLEY

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to award contract for the acquisition of a trolley to Creative Bus Sales in the amount of \$124,000. Opposed: Koritko.

MOTION CARRIED. (5 - 1)

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt a Resolution to authorize the commitment of funds from SPLOST 2013 and \$24,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Balance for the acquisition of a Trolley. Opposed: Koritko.

MOTION CARRIED. (5 – 1)

CONTRACT AWARD – CONSTRUCTION FIRE STATION #4

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to award the contract for construction of Fire Station #4 to Headley Construction in the amount of \$2,269,000. The Comprehensive Program Services and Goodwin Mills Cawood recommend approval of contract.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZE COMMITMENT OF FUNDS – OPERATION OF DOWNTOWN SANITATION PROGRAM

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to adopt a resolution to authorize the Commitment of Funds from the General Fund Unassigned Balance for the Operation of the Downtown Sanitation Program for \$120,000 to fund the potential deficit. Opposed: Koritko.

MOTION CARRIED. (5 – 1)

PUBLIC HEARING #3 – PROPERTY TAX INCREASE/MILLAGE RATE – ORDINANCE-SET MILLAGE RATE FOR 2018 PROPERTY TAXES

Mayor Brady opened public hearing #3 for property tax increase of millage rate for 2018.

The City Manager stated this is the third public hearing as required on the property tax increase/millage rate. The actual form from the Tax Commission shows the reassessment and new growth for the tax period. We are required to run the 2018 tax digest and 5 year history of Levy. He presented three different tax millage rate scenarios. The City's collection rate is 96 percent. He indicated property with a base value of \$275,000 at 4.00 mills would see increase of \$14.30. If there is no increase in rate and we keep the roll

back rate you could still see an increase due to reassessment of property values. The potential budget impacts: TAVT revenue, hiring of Fire fighters, and establishment of Leisure Services, additional Beautification Crew, and Downtown Sanitation Supplement, Trolley operations, unknown health insurance, other employee requests and potential pay increase. The total of budget impact is \$1,725,000. The only debt is the University of West Georgia balance estimated at yearend is \$511,396. Some of these services are beginning to push the limits of our staff and current resources. In order to insure our high level of service continues, in addition to offering new select services, I am seeking Council's approval to consider adopting a millage rate of 4.00 mills.

Mr. Bob Coggin, Alpine Drive, is very much in favor of property tax increase for 4.00 mills.

Three reasons:

Public safety - make sure funds are available

Quality of life –level of services doesn't decline

Population - 3rd fastest growing city in the state of Georgia (funds available for protection and to build infrastructure).

Mr. Donald Smith is opposed to the increase of the property millage rate. He feels senior citizens are being over taxed. It appears the School Board, Coweta County and now the City of Newnan is proposing a tax increase. He recommends spending the tax payer's money wisely.

Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shell to adopt an Ordinance to set millage rate for 2018 for property taxes at 4.00 mills.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

REQUEST– OFFICIAL TRANSMITTAL 2018 UPDATE TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT (CIE). INCLUDING SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) TO THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to adopt the Resolution for the transmittal of the 2018 update to the CIE, which includes the STWP to Three Rivers RC and the Georgia DCA.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

CHANGE ORDER – CULVERT EXTENSION TO ACCOMMODATE PROTECTION OF EXISTING UTILITY POLES – MCINTOSH PARKWAY

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to approve the change order for extending a culvert to accommodate protection of the existing utility poles for the McIntosh Parkway at \$150,543.96.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

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

<u>Property</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Progress</u>	<u>Resolution Date</u>
10 Burch Ave.	Abdul S Kader	Progress made	12/16/2018
136 Spring St.	Willie G. Clay Estate	No progress	09/15/2018
286 W Washington	Irvin Jones Estate	No progress	10/16/2018
121 Pinson St	Marcus Beasley	No progress	09/11/2018
180 W. Washington	Render Godfrey	Progress made	09/11/2018

These properties have been before Council with Public Hearings. No action needed.

REQUEST – RICHARD MIX, FULL CIRCLE TOYS – CLOSE A PORTION OF MADISON STREET FOR SIXTH ANNUAL ZOMBIE DAY

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the request by Richard Mix, Full Circle Toys to close portion of Madison Street for his Sixth Annual Zombie Day event on Saturday October 13, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

REQUEST – MARK VESCIO, FIDO FEST 5K TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF CITY STREETS FOR ONE HOUR AROUND ASHLEY PARK FOR 5K

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request to close portions of City Streets for approximately one hour around Ashley Park for their 5K that begins at 8:30 am on September 29, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

**REQUEST – THE PEACH STATE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB FAYETTEVILLE –
RESERVE 30 DOWNTOWN PARKING SPACES DURING LUNCH (11:30 AM TO 2:30
PM) – PARK THEIR VINTAGE VEHICLES**

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the request by Peach State Early Ford V8 Club Fayetteville to reserve 30 parking spaces on the South Court Square during lunch (11:30 am to 2:30 pm) on August 18, 2018 to park their vintage vehicles.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

**REQUEST – FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN CHURCH – RESERVE PARKING SPACES IN
FRONT OF GREENVILLE STREET PARK FROM 3:00 PM TO 8:00 PM FOR FOOD
TRUCKS FOR THEIR 2ND PUMPKINS IN PARK**

Motion by Councilman Alexander , seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request by Foundation Christian Church to reserve parking spaces in front of Greenville Street Park from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm for food trucks for their 2nd Pumpkins in the Park October 20, 2018 and to charge nominal fees for contests to cover costs.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

**REQUEST – F. HENDERSON NHS TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE RECENTLY
APPROVED STUDENT VET-CONNECT 5K FROM SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17TH TO
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH SAME DATE AS VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request by F. Henderson NHS to change the date of the recently approved student Vet-Connect 5K from Saturday November 17th to Saturday November 10th which is same date as Veteran's Day Parade.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

**REQUEST – NEWNAN MCINTOSH MASONIC LODGE #735 TO RESERVE EIGHT
PARKING SPACES ON W. WASHINGTON SIDE OF THE ALAMO – ENDING
LOCATION OF THEIR CHARITY BENEFIT RIDE**

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to reserve eight parking spaces on West Washington Street on the side of the Alamo from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on August 18, 2018 which is the ending location of their Charity Benefit Ride.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman DuBose stated the Assistant City Manager is arranging a meeting for August 30, 2018 at 3:00 pm for open discussion of “entertainment district” downtown on street closures, food trucks parades and etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins thanked staff for all of their hard work on the Howard Warner Playground. We will be dedicating the Rosser Center honoring Minnie Robinson and cutting the ribbon at the Howard Warner playground on August 27, 2018.

Councilman Koritko asked Staff to look into the possibility of getting the agenda out a week early for their review.

Mr. Terry Zoeller, 10 Woodland Drive, commended the City on the excellent service and response time from Public Works, Police and Fire and Newnan Utilities on the recent down tree and powder lines that occurred on a Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to adjourn the Council meeting at 3:44 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor