

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:30 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: Clayton Hicks; Cynthia E. Jenkins; Dustin Koritko; Ray DuBose; George Alexander and Rhodes Shell. City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Della Hill; City Planner, Chris Cole; Public Works Director, Michael Klahr; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Police Chief, Douglas (Buster) Meadows.

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2016

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for January 12, 2016 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

MINUTES – SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2016

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Called Council meeting for January 13, 2016 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7– 0)

NEWNAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Jacky Cheng	11 th Grade	Northgate
Brittany Dunnavant	10 th Grade	East Coweta
Garret Klone	11 th Grade	Northgate
Lauren Lugo	11 th Grade	Northgate

APPOINTMENT – NEWNAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place this appointment on the agenda for the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

APPOINTMENTS – PARKS COMMISSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Richard Bray to the Parks Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Carol Tamplin to the Parks Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

APPOINTMENTS – CHRISTMAS COMMISSION

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins and Councilman Hicks' appointments to the Christmas Commission on the agenda for the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT – HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mayor Brady re-appointed Jackie Binion, seconded by Councilman Hicks to the Housing Authority for another five year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

APPOINTMENT – PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to appoint David Van Drew to the Planning Commission for a three year term to replace Denny Estes.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to send a letter to Mr. Estes thanking him for his service to the City.

APPOINTMENTS – TREE COMMISSION

Mayor Brady re-appointed Laurie Pope, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to the Tree Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Richard Prange to the Tree Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

The City Manager presented a presentation related to the Capital Projects that Council has been discussing over the last couple of years. He would like direction on prioritizing some of these projects.

Howard Warner Project - The total structure is about 17,500 square feet. The Boys and Girls Club has been involved with the plans. The plans are to demolish the 1950 structure and in its place rebuild it with a gymnasium with about 8100 square feet. A construction manager was hired and they have been working through the price estimation. All of the cost at this time is estimated at over \$4,000,000. The allocated resource from SPLOST 07 and SPLOST13 amounts to \$1,761,000.

Fire Station # 4 – The City has acquired property on the Bypass to design Fire Station #4. This project will be design bid build or hard bid. This will be a single story building just over 7,335 square feet which is a little larger than station #2 located on Lower Fayetteville Road. The overall cost is just over \$3,000,000. The allocated resources are just over \$2,100,000.

Municipal Building Phase #1 – Fire Station Expansion- This will be a remodeling of Fire Station #1 and expansion of space. This project would add about 2,000 square feet to their operations. We will utilize some of the second floor of the old Municipal Building creating a connector between the Fire Station and the Municipal Building. This will expand the bunk area along with a larger day room. Also we would be able to address the issue of public access and create a new public entrance. The estimated cost \$1,642,923. No allocated resource.

Municipal Building Phase #2 – This project is actually improvements to the Wadsworth Auditorium including improvements to bathrooms and stage access. This is a much smaller project but more structural involved. The cost will be about \$698,106. No allocated resources.

The total cost of these projects is \$9,425,000 with allocated resources of \$3,861,177 with a deficit of \$5,800,000.

Mayor Brady asked when you are projecting to have staff available to open Fire Station #4.

The City Manager stated we need four more firemen to fully staff this station. My plan would be to add two firemen per year; by 2018 it should be fully staffed.

He noted he would like to talk about West Georgia debt. If you take the minimum principal payment for this debt it could be paid off by 2020 before the higher interest rate goes into effect.

The City Manager went over the operation impact for each of these facilities.

Howard Warner - projected cost to operate \$145,000 with 1 full time employee and 3 part time employees, other cost includes contract services and janitorial needs.

Fire Station #4 – projected cost to operate \$325,000 – hiring four firemen and general operating cost.

Municipal Building Phase #1 – No additional staffing required – more building maintenance – addition of elevator – cost to operate \$15,000.

Municipal Building Phase #2 – No additional staffing – cost to operate \$5,000

Mayor Brady stated the overall picture would be to instruct Staff to come up with different cost estimates on different sizes of these projects. He thinks most of this is related to the Howard Warner Project. His question is what the YMCA is going to be willing to do. Also define numbers and the usage for the gym and present to Council a proposal. His top priority would be the repayment of debt for the University of West Georgia at the low interest rate. At this time Fire Station #4 should be at the bottom of the list. He would like to have more detail and cost saving on the Municipal Building Phase #1 and #2 projects.

After the discussion on the Howard Warner Building Project several visitors wanted to voice their support and concerns.

Matthew Bailey, Jr. informed Council the children on the east side have nothing to do and we are losing our children. He is asking Council to move forward with this project.

Deandre Franklin, Community of Brothers Restoring American Students, sponsors a youth program. This program in some cases is free and some at a reduced rate. We have volunteers that give of their time to help with these programs. We are in need of a building in this area where we can offer more programs.

Mildred Beadles also stated the Youth on the east side of town need a place to go and asked Council to consider the project.

Clarence Bohannon indicated there is a need for the young people regardless of their neighborhood. It does not matter if it is the east side or the west side.

OFF AGENDA – RESOLUTION - SUPPORT CITY OF COLUMBUS IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR A GO TRANSIT! GRANT FROM GEORGIA STATE ROAD AND TOLLWAY AUTHORITY

Mayor Brady informed Council the off agenda item was received after the agenda went out. Some of you may remember the conversation we have had with Mayor Tomlinson of Columbus, Georgia about the High-Speed Rail Project from Atlanta to Columbus with one stop in Newnan. He indicated the City of Columbus, Georgia will be applying for a Go Transit! Grant from the Georgia State and Tollway Authority for the purpose of conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment of this proposed High Speed Passenger Rail Line. He is asking Council to adopt a Resolution so we can forward on to Mayor Tomlinson to be included with the Grant application.

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Shell to adopt a Resolution to support the City of Columbus in their application for a Go Transit! Grant from the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority for the purpose of conducting an environmental impact assessment of the proposed High Speed Passenger Rail Line.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

PUBLIC HEARING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2016 – 2036

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update 2016 – 2036.

The City Planner informed Council the purpose of the public hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to update the comprehensive plan, opportunities for public participation in development of the plan update, and to obtain input on the proposed planning process. The City Council will take part in a visioning session, as well as additional training sessions with the Planning Commission over the next few months. The City has also scheduled two public workshops to gather input from stakeholders. The first workshop will be held February 25, 2016 at the Carnegie Library. The second workshop will be held March 3, 2016 at the Newnan Centre. Staff plans to engage in conversations around the theme of “What if” at the public workshops and in widely circulated surveys. In addition, a stakeholder committee will help lead the City through this process and will serve as a key resource in the upcoming months. A second required public hearing will be held once the Comprehensive Plan is drafted and made available for public review, prior to its transmittal to the Regional Commission for review. The plan update process will allow the City of Newnan to maintain their Qualified Local Government status, and therefore be eligible for state grant funds, loans and permits. The due date for the Improvements Element is October 31, 2016. We do need a committee to be formed noting there are guidelines from the State DCA. He stated one member of Council has to be on the committee as well as Economic Development professional and staff member.

The City Manager indicated Staff has been working on training opportunities for both Planning Commission members and members of City Council. The planning training is very important because the planning requirements have changed since the last time we

went through the Comprehensive Plan process. Also we have new Council members and Planning Commission members that have not been through the process. We have been working with Carl Vinson Institute Planning of the University of Georgia on a joint session for members of City Council and Planning Commissioners on the Department of Community Affairs Planning requirements and processes on benefits and implantation of the Comprehensive Plan. The second day session will be Council members only which will be a vision session moderated by Carl Vinson Institute on how the City of Newnan will move forward. The dates for training are Monday, April 11 and Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

REQUEST – NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL, FRAN HENDERSON, 2nd ANNUAL NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-VET CONNECT VETERANS RELIEF FUND – 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Hicks to approve the request for Newnan High School Student-Vet Connect Veterans Relief Fund 5K and 1 mile fun run on Saturday May 21 beginning at 8:00 am.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

REQUEST – GIRL SCOUT TROUP 16375 – SET UP AND SELL GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Hicks to approve the request from Girl Scout Troup 16375 to set up and sell Girl Scout Cookies on sidewalks around the court square for a couple of hours on February 16,17 and 18 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) during their Winter Break.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins indicated the following groups were in attendance regarding the Howard Warner Project:

Coweta County Cobra
Chalk Level Neighborhood Association
Other athletic Organizations
Two other organizations

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Hicks to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:30 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor