

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 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; Clayton Hicks; Cynthia E. Jenkins; Robert Coggin, and George Alexander. Council Members absent: Dustin Koritko and Rhodes Shell. City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Della Hill; Planning Director Tracy Dunnavant; Code Enforcement Officer, Shane Pridgen; Public Works Director, Michael Klahr; Business Development Director, Hasco Craver; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Deputy Police Chief Rodney Riggs.

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 26, 2015

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for May 26, 2015 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6– 0)

APPOINTMENT – NEWNAN CHRISTMAS COMMISSION

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

APPOINTMENTS – NEWNAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMISSION – 3 YEAR TERM

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place his and Councilman Alexander's appointments on the agenda for the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

APPOINTMENTS – CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Coggin's appointment on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Chris Hallman for another three year term on the Convention Center Authority.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

APPOINTMENTS – CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Hicks to re-appoint Sarah Lamance for another three year term to the Cultural Arts Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Motion by Mayor Brady, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to re-appoint Bette Hickman for another three year term to the Cultural Arts Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 - 0)

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Pamela Prange for another three year term to the Cultural Arts Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

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

APPOINTMENTS – KEEP NEWNAN BEAUTIFUL

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Matthew Bailey to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Jolene Robichaux to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Motion by Councilman Coggin, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Tom Lukens to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to re-appoint Pamela Prange to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

RETIREMENT – SERGEANT JOHNNY MINIX – NEWNAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Brady recognized Sergeant Johnny Minix, Newnan Fireman, retiring after thirty seven years of service to the City and citizens of Newnan. He was presented a plaque and gift.

Mr. Minix thanked everyone stating this has been a great career and will miss everyone.

DCA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND GEORGIA CITIES FOUNDATION SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS – 5/7 SPRING STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Business Development Director stated this project will result in the renovation of an 8,000 square foot building (former Murray Printing Building) and the establishment of new commercial/retail locations and four two bedroom upper floor residential units in Newnan's Central Business District. Neither the City nor the Development Authority will be in ownership. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs recently approved the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Newnan's request for a Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund loan to MOST Properties to help finance the renovation of the building at 5 and 7 Spring Street.

Motion by Councilman Coggin, seconded by Councilman Alexander to approve the Resolution for the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund and the Georgia Cities Foundation for 5/7 Spring Street Redevelopment Project to help Most Properties, LLC finance the renovation of the building at 5 and 7 Spring Street.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE - REQUEST EXTENSION – 67 FAIRMOUNT STREET

The Code Enforcement Officer informed Council the owner of 67 Fairmount Street is requesting an extension of one hundred eighty (180) days. He stated the owner has been working with Councilman Alexander and VFW American Legion to get help with the repairs. He noted an inspection will be scheduled with owner to obtain a schedule for the repairs.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the request for an extension of one hundred eighty (180) days to complete the repairs for the substandard structure located at 67 Fairmount Street.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES STATUS REPORTS – 3 ANNIE STREET, 7 LANDERS STREET, 7 UPPER MANN STREET, 10 FARMER STREET, 11 TUXEDO AVENUE, 20 DIXON STREET, 67 FAIRMOUNT DRIVE, 92 PINSON STREET, 121 PINSON STREET, 136 SPRING STREET AND 286 WEST WASHINGTON STREET

<u>Property</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Resolution Deadline</u>
3 Annie St	Alvin Williams	No Progress	August 21, 2015
7 Landers St	Dwight Bailey	Some Progress	Sept 21, 2015
7 Upper Mann St	Donald Smith	Schedule needed	Sept 21, 2015
10 Farmer St	Joe Crain	Completed	May 23, 2015
11 Tuxedo Ave	Irvin Jones	No Progress	Oct 22, 2015
20 Dixon St	Woodie Wood	Completed	May 28, 2015
67 Fairmount St	Milo Rachel	Community Service	June 14, 2015
92 Pinson St	Perry Benson	Some Progress	August 23, 2015
121 Pinson St	Marcus Beasley	Foreclosing Right redemption	August 21, 2015
136 Spring St	Willie Glen Clay	No Progress	July 26, 2015
286 W Washington	Irvin Jones	No Progress	August 23, 2015

Staff is requesting Council's approval to accept status reports, no further action required.

REQUEST – FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – CLOSE MADISON STREET TO THROUGH TRAFFIC FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD FROM MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the request by First Baptist Church to close Madison Street to through traffic for the distribution of food from the Mobile Food Pantry from 7 am to 1 pm on July 24, August 28 and September 25, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

REQUEST – MAINSTREET CLOSE A PORTION OF WEST BROAD STREET FOR BIKE RIDE ACROSS GEORGIA (BRAG) EVENT

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Hicks to approve the request by MainStreet to close a portion of West Broad Street on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 for Bike Ride across Georgia (BRAG) event.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

**REQUEST – BY ROY JONES, JR – DJ’S GROCERIES AND DJ’S MUSIC COMPANY –
WAIVE PENALTIES LATE BUSINESS LICENSE SUBMISSION**

The City Manager stated business owners are given ample time to make arrangements for payment for their business licenses renewals. We have not made a practice of waiving penalties.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to decline the request by Roy Jones, Jr. for DJ’s Groceries and DJ’s Music Company to waive penalties for late business license submission.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

WINE TASTING

Ms. Gina Byrom came before Council asking about opening a wine tasting room and art gallery similar to the ones located in Dahlonega, Georgia where they have retail items such as art for sale. She is requesting to sell by package as well as sell light samples of three or more. She wanted to know if city’s ordinances allow for this type of business.

The City Attorney stated to sell wine in that type of setting Georgia state law requires the merchant must be connected with a farm winery or processing plant making the wine. It cannot be sold through a wine association or other type of business. In order to have her business in Newnan she would have to go through the state for a state law change or establish a winery, which produces wine, within the city limits of Newnan.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Hicks 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 real estate issues and that we, in open session 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 2:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 - 0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION/MAYOR’S AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Hicks 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 Alexander, seconded by Councilman Coggin to adjourn the Council meeting at 3:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor