

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Monday, September 21, 2015 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; Rhodes Shell and George Alexander. Council members absent: Ray DuBose and Robert Coggin. City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Della Hill; Planning Director Tracy Dunnavant; Public Works Director, Michael Klahr; Code Enforcement Officer, Shane Pridgen; Business Development/Main Street Director, Hasco Craver; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Police Chief, Douglas (Buster) Meadows.

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for September 8, 2015 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6– 0)

NEWNAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Alexis Garcia	11 th Grade	East Coweta
Leah Taylor	12 th Grade	East Coweta
Sharan Velmurugan	11 th Grade	Northgate
Mili Patel	10 th Grade	Heritage
Ryann Smith	10 th Grade	Northgate

APPOINTMENT – NEWNAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

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

APPOINTMENTS – URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

APPOINTMENT – PARKS COMMISSION

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

RESIGNATION – NEWNAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMISSION – DR. CHARLEY CHENEY

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to accept the resignation of Dr. Charley Cheney from the Newnan Youth Activities Commission with regrets.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Hicks's appointment to the Newnan Youth Activities Commission on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION – REQUESTING COWETA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY BLIGHTED BUILDING STANDARDS ON PROPERTY COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE NEWNAN HOUSE MOTEL

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to adopt a resolution requesting Coweta County Board of Commissioners to apply blighted building standards on the property commonly referred to as the Newnan House Motel.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

REQUEST - COMMUNITY ACTION FOR IMPROVEMENT, INC. (CAFI) – RELEASE OF CURRENT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR VERONA ROSSER CENTER ON SAVANNAH STREET

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Hicks to approve the request by Community Action for Improvement, Inc. (CAFI) for release of current lease agreement for Verona Rosser Center located on Savannah Street.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

RESOLUTION – ADOPT ELECTED OFFICIAL PURCHASING CARD POLICY- FIRST READING

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to adopt a resolution for elected official purchasing card policy.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

**REQUEST – SEEK AUTHORIZATION FOR PROPOSALS (RFP’S) FOR AUDIO
/VISUAL REDESIGN AND RECONFIGURATION OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND 2ND
FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Hicks to approve the request authorizing staff to seek proposals (RFP’s) for Audio/Visual redesign and reconfiguration of the Council Chambers and the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

**REQUEST – CITY OF NEWNAN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR
INSTALLATION, MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF NUMEROUS SHORT-
TERM PARKING SPACES IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT**

The Business Development Director presented a report on numerous parking strategies. A “downtown parking opinion” questionnaire was administered to several stakeholder groups (business and property owners, employers and customers and patrons of downtown products and services). All of the aforementioned data was used to determine the most sensible parking management/enforcement program. It is the opinion of staff the installation of short-term parking spaces will generate the much needed turnover of on-street spaces. The proposed program will realign two existing short-term spaces and utilize existing commercial loading zones as short-term spaces. The Downtown Development Authority is requesting that Council consider the installation of 45 short term parking spaces (15 minute time limit per space).

Councilman Shell stated between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm is the busiest time. After that there are parking spaces available. He feels that the 15 minute parking spaces will not service our purpose.

Mr. Brent Frost stated Councilman Shell covered most of his issues. When he heard about this, he sent a survey out to some of his friends on the parking issue in downtown taking 45 spaces out of 586 spaces and make 15 minutes parking. The response was 63% no. Some indicated maybe test it for six (6) month or one (1) year period.

Mr. Parks Avery, business owner, indicated his clients complain every day about the parking. If you look around downtown there is nothing that can be done in 15 minutes. We need to go back to the study that was done a few years ago and go back to 2 hour parking. What we need is turn over that will take care of the nesting. We have to give people a chance to get into an open space. He feels we should not charge for parking.

Mayor Brady stated when he was a business owner downtown years ago the two hour parking was in force, however people would just move their cars.

Mr. Ian Goldenberg, business owner, indicated we can create an environment where people will not want to come downtown because of parking. If we try something for a year

it takes about 6 to 9 months to get the program going. He feels you have wasted a year with a temporary solution and does not think the 15 minute parking is the answer.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to disapprove the request for 15 minutes for 45 parking spaces downtown.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the Downtown Development Authority to appoint two people at their next meeting and after they are appointed Council will need to appoint two people for a working session in order to work out some of the issues and try to come up with a solution.

REVIEW PROGRESS OF STRUCTURE – 7 LANDERS STREET

The Code Enforcement Officer provided pictures of the structure located at 7 Landers Street. He stated the owner has some of the electrical run. He is requesting an extension of sixty days.

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the request for an extension of sixty (60) days with thirty (30) day reports for 7 Landers Street.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

REVIEW PROGRESS OF STRUCTURE – 7 UPPER MANN STREET

The Code Enforcement Officer stated he has pictures taken this morning. There are several inspections to go before the structure will be complete. The owner is requesting one hundred eighty (180) day extension.

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Alexander to approve an extension of ninety (90) days for owner to complete repairs for 7 Upper Mann Street.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

EXTENSION CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 25, 2015 – 286 WEST WASHINGTON STREET

The Code Enforcement Officer informed Council he has not had any contact with the owner. He called the home phone and it is no longer in service, also has not been able to reach him on his cell phone.

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to continue the substandard structure located at 286 West Washington Street until the October 15, 2015 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 - 0)

RECOMMENDATION – HARPERS FARM SUBDIVISION – SIGNAGE TO RESTRICT THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC ON ROADS IN SUBDIVISION

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the recommendation to prohibit through truck traffic on Casey Road and Harpers Farm Road and post appropriate signs indicating so.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

REQUEST – NEWNAN JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE (NJSL) - ESTABLISH COLLECTION POINT ON DOWNTOWN SQUARE FOR THEIR 32nd ANNUAL CAN-A-THON

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the request by Newnan Junior Service League to establish collection point on Downtown Square for their 32nd Annual Can–A-Thon on Tuesday December 1st from 7am to 7 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

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

Motion by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the request by First Baptist Church to block Madison Street to through-traffic for the distribution of food from the Mobile Food Pantry on October 23rd from 7 am to 1 pm on November 21st and December 19th from 7 am to 3 pm to benefit people in our community in need.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:20 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor