

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 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, Jim Thomasson, Rhodes Shell, Cynthia Jenkins, Paul Guillaume and Dustin Koritko. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; Assistant City Manager, Meg Kelsey; City Clerk, Megan Shea and City Attorney, Brad Sears.

READING OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from the Special Called Meeting on December 10, 2024

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on December 10, 2024 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

B. Minutes from Regular Meeting on December 10, 2024

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on December 10, 2024 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Shell to elect Councilman Jim Thomasson as Mayor Pro Tem for 2025.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

City Manager recommended all current department heads be re-appointed for 2025.

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson to approve the recommendation and re-appoint all current Department Heads.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

City Attorney

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to re-appoint Brad Sears as City Attorney.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Municipal Court Judge

Mayor Brady noted that this appointment is now for 2 years, due to a change in State law.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman DuBose to re-appoint Clay Collins as Municipal Court Judge for a 2-year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem

This appointment is also for 2 years due to State law.

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to re-appoint Rufus Smith Jr. as Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem for a 2-year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Municipal Court Solicitor

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to re-appoint Danielle Sewell as Municipal Court Solicitor.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Municipal Public Defender

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to re-appoint Jim Strickland as Municipal Public Defender.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

D. 1 Appointment – Housing Authority, 5-year term

Mayor Brady explained that the Housing Authority appointments are just his appointments so a motion is not needed. To replace Otis Jones, he appointed Anthony Galioto. Then the resident housing representative to the authority, required under HUD rules, Kassie Hooks has moved. He appointed Shaquita Gates to replace her.

E. 2 Appointments – Planning Commission, 3-year terms

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to re-appoint John Pulicare to the Planning Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (7—0)

Continue other appointment to next agenda.

F. 1 Appointment – Tree/Parks Commission, 2-year terms

Continue to next agenda.

G. 1 Appointment – Water & Light Commission, 3-year term

Motion by Mayor Brady, seconded by Councilman DuBose to re-appoint Bobby Lee.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Councilwoman Jenkins mentioned that there had been discussions in the past about looking at the qualifications for the Water & Light Commission. Mayor Brady suggested that they discuss this at the upcoming retreat.

H. 1 Appointment – Urban Redevelopment Agency, interim term

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to appoint Chris Hunt to the Planning Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Councilman Koritko stated that last meeting he erroneously appointed two people, one to Bicentennial Committee and one to Keep Newnan Beautiful but he had the appointments backward. He wanted to switch the names, to clarify.

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Thomasson to switch the two previous appointees.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REPORTS ON OPERATIONS BY CITY MANAGER

I. Schedule City Floating Holiday for 2025

Mr. Phillips proposed the floating holiday for the day after Christmas, December 26th in order to give employees the 24th, 25th and 26th off that week.

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to accept the recommendation and set the floating holiday for December 26, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

NEW BUSINESS

J. Consideration of an Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of a Budget, Its Execution and Effect for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 and Ending December 31, 2025

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson to adopt the budget ordinance for 2025 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

K. Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the 2025 Pay Plan

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adopt the resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

L. Consideration of a Resolution to Amend Personnel Policy Manual

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adopt the resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

M. Consideration of an Amendment to Chapter 13, Municipal Court Ordinance

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to adopt the ordinance amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

N. Consideration of a Resolution Setting the Qualifying Fees for the November 4, 2025 General Election

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adopt the resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

O. Consideration of Contract Award for Custodial Care and Cleaning Services for Various City Facilities

Mark Johnston, Facilities Manager, stated that the recommendation is to enter into contract with Southern Cleaning Services.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the contract award as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

P. Consideration of a 180-day Postponement of the Arbitration Proceedings in the Annexation Request of Sidney Pope Farms

Mayor Brady stated that there is a necessary process going on with Three Rivers on this annexation. The County has this on their agenda for Thursday.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the 180-day postponement.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Q. Consideration of Application for Alcohol Beverage License – Tequilas Taqueria Bar and Grill, LLC – Retail on Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine – 11 Spence Ave. – Reason: New Owner

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine for Tequilas Taquerias Bar and Grill at 11 Spence Ave.

A representative of the applicant 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 Shell, seconded by Councilman DuBose to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

R. Consideration of a Joint Resolution to Dissolve the Hospital Authority of the City of Newnan

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Thomasson, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to adopt the resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to adjourn the Council meeting at 2:44pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Megan Shea, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor