

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:30p.m. in the Richard A. Bolin Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Shepherd presiding.

**PRESENT**

Mayor James Shepherd: Council members present: Scott Berta, Jim Thomasson, Jennifer Morrison, Cynthia Jenkins, Dustin Koritko and Paul Guillaume. 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.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Shepherd called the meeting to order. Pastor Anthony Langley with East Newnan Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

**READING OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 12, 2026**

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 12, 2026, and adopt them as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**B. 1 Appointment – Christmas Commission, 3-year term**

Continue to next agenda.

**C. 1 Appointment – Development Authority, 4-year term**

Continue to next agenda.

**D. 1 Appointment – Tree & Parks Commission, 3-year term**

Continue to next agenda.

**REPORTS ON OPERATIONS BY CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Phillips reminded everyone that there is only one City Council meeting in June and July.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

Mayor Shepherd thanked people for voting in the election last week. There will be a run-off, and everyone is encouraged to turn out for that.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Consideration of a Contract Award for Professional Consulting Services for Disaster Recovery and FEMA Public Assistance

Mr. Craver stated that the next 3 items are similar and all are pre-event contracts, in the event of a catastrophic event and certain services are needed. The first for disaster recovery and FEMA public assistance, is only for a time when the city would be seeking reimbursement from FEMA. Staff recommended engaging Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood.

Councilman Koritko asked about costs. Mr. Craver said there are no costs if the services are not needed.

Motion by Councilman Thomasson, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the contract award as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

F. Consideration of a Contract Award for Debris Removal Services

Mr. Craver explained that this contract is to remove debris from the streets and place it somewhere else. This also is only when needed. This can be used for disasters that are not FEMA related. There is no cost if services are not needed. Staff recommended Southern Disaster Recovery.

Motion by Councilman Thomasson, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the contract award as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

G. Consideration of a Contract Award for Debris Monitoring, Disaster Recovery and Emergency Planning Services

Mr. Craver explained this is when debris is picked up and then looked at for volume and weight which is then used when seeking reimbursement. Staff recommended Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood.

Councilwoman Jenkins asked if things were added that had been missing during previous events dealing with this, such as running out of room for debris. Mr. Craver said the location for the debris will have to be named and Newnan Utilities has plenty of space at their composting site.

Mr. Phillips commented that the component of "emergency planning services" was used previously. GMC was able to help identify things that would be needed such as backup power for the fire stations, and they helped write grants for some of those things.

Motion by Councilwoman Morrison, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the contract award as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

**H. Consideration of a Contract Award for Copier Equipment Lease and Managed Print Services**

Bryan Lee, IT Director, recommended entering into contract with Superior Document Solutions for copier and managed print services. He explained that 12 proposals were received from 11 vendors and they were all graded by a selection committee.

Mayor Shepherd questioned the contract stating that jurisdiction is in Pennsylvania and waiving a jury trial. Mr. Sears says that this happens often, and he would recommend asking them to change it to Georgia and not waive the jury trial. Sometimes companies will not agree to the change.

Motion by Councilman Thomasson, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the contract award with the stipulation that they change the jurisdiction to Georgia and waiver of jury trial be removed.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

**I. Consideration of Road Closure for LINC Section 13 and Roadway Paving**

Mr. Craver explained that the closure would be part of Cougar Way between LaGrange St. and Sewell Rd. for the timely construction of LINC facilities. The goal is to get most, or all the work done prior to school starting back in August. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks will still happen at the usual location.

Councilman Koritko asked about the 3 residents on that street and Mr. Craver said they will have access and letters were hand delivered as well.

Motion by Councilwoman Morrison, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the road closure as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

**J. Consideration of First Amendment of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Newnan, Coweta County and Tax Commissioner regarding Property Tax Collection**

Mr. Phillips explained this is an amendment to an existing agreement. He noted that the price is not changing, this is to clarify how the county is utilizing the funds.

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilwoman Morrison to approve the amendment as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

**K. Consideration of Surplus Property Declaration and Disposition of Capital Assets and Controlled Assets**

Ms. Kelsey stated that a list of vehicles and equipment to declare surplus was provided in the agenda packet.

Motion by Councilwoman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the surplus property declaration and disposition.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

**L. Consideration of Grant of Easement to Georgia Power for Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority**

Mr. Jeff Phillips, General Manager of Newnan Utilities explained that they are asking for an easement to allow for the construction of a power line from an existing substation on Poplar Rd. over to the Coweta County Sewer treatment plant. This is to support an expansion and is the least impactful for property owners.

Mr. Sears asked that the motion include that payment be made to Newnan Water & Light, since the land acquisitions were paid with rate-payer money and not tax-payer money.

Motion by Councilman Thomasson, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the grant of easement with payment going directly to Newnan Water & Light.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

**M. Request to Self-Perform Renovations to the Police Department Firearms Training Facility**

Mr. Phillips said that the firearms training facility on Corinth Rd. is ageing and \$1.1 million has been allocated in 2025 SPLOST for renovations. Staff engaged a consultant to do a concept and then pricing came back over budget. Staff reassessed the concept and feel this can be self-performed. The public works team would do demo, storm, and pad ready grading, a designer would do a pre-engineered metal building structure, have an erector install that and then the city can perform the interior finish outs. The city has the right to self-perform under Georgia Procurement Law.

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)**

**Council Comment:**

Councilman Koritko stated that his neighborhood will be making a request to the city to shut down a road for 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Thomasson to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

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Megan Shea, City Clerk

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James Shepherd, Mayor