

Meeting Minutes

City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Tuesday, July 8th, 2026
9:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

Members Present: Valerie Dumas, Roger Miles, Casey Smith, Jim Thomasson, & Graylin Ward, Ryan Brooks

Members Absent: Ashley Beck

Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Catherine Carswell

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Ryan Brooks made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes as presented to the Authority. Graylin Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland presented the Financial Report to the Authority, noting the following account balances:

- i. BOZ primary: \$17,325.33
- ii. MMI: \$85,087.46
- iii. YTD Income: \$36,960.95
- iv. YTD Expense: \$32,672.72
 - 1. Net Income: -\$4,288.23

Abigail Strickland provided an update regarding the Downtown Mobility Study. Abigail informed the Authority that TSW had visited Newnan for a field review where participants identified some of the ongoing issues. TSW will be providing a calendar with public, steering, and stakeholder meetings along with expected delivery dates.

Abigail Strickland reviewed the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan, and provided update on if the items are complete, in-progress, or need to be started.

Casey Smith discussed a potential decorative string light program to enhance the downtown streetscape and create a more inviting and visually appealing atmosphere for businesses, residents, and visitors. The proposed program would establish guidelines and a review process for the installation of decorative lighting while considering maintenance, safety, and access to existing trees and light poles. Abigail Strickland shared a potential program outline and will distribute it to members following the meeting for review and feedback.

Abigail Strickland reminded the Authority of the annual two-hour training requirement, noting that the Authority is now midway through the year. Members were encouraged to identify any training opportunities of interest and send them to Abigail Strickland, who will assist with registration and accommodations if required. `

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28am.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, August 12th, 2026
9:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room