

## **Meeting Minutes**

**City of Newnan**  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**9:00 am – Newnan City Hall**  
**25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room**

**Members Present: Valerie Dumas, Roger Miles, Casey Smith, Ashley Beck, & Ryan Brooks**

**Members Absent: Jim Thomasson & Graylin Ward**

**Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Catherine Carswell, & Hasco Craver**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01am.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Roger Miles made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes as presented to the Authority. Ryan Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- i. BOZ primary: \$17,958.96
- ii. MMI: \$85,094.69
- iii. YTD Income: \$42,885.55
- iv. YTD Expense: \$37,248.96
  - 1. Net Income: \$5,636.59

Abigail Strickland informed the Authority an account would be opened to receive CDI lease payments for the 57 East Broad project.

Abigail Strickland provided an update on the Event Permit Process. She reported that the proposed process was presented to City Council and has been approved to move forward. Main Street will now work with internal City staff to develop a formal process. Council requested that an appeal process be included. Casey Smith inquired about the possibility of developing a rolling event calendar. Hasco Craver noted that a rolling calendar would be beneficial to the Authority's event planning cadence. Staff will work to develop and maintain the rolling calendar.

Abigail Strickland provided the Authority with an update on the Downtown Mobility Study. She reported that TSW presented an update to City Council the previous evening and will be meeting with the study's steering committee and stakeholders as the process moves forward. A public meeting is planned for September 1, with the location to be determined. Staff will also promote the meeting through social media and other outreach efforts to introduce the study to the community.

Abigail Strickland continued to provide an update to the Authority on the 57 East Broad Project. The official groundbreaking took place on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The Authority has received the first lease payment from CDI.

Ryan Brooks raised concerns regarding the condition and placement of telecommunications utility lines throughout the downtown district. He noted that the multiple overhead wires are unsightly and, in some locations, may pose safety concerns. The Authority discussed the need for telecommunications providers to clean up and properly maintain their lines, including the removal of outdated or unused lines. The Authority recommended that a letter be drafted to City Council outlining the public investment in the downtown district, the visual impact of the utility lines, and the associated safety concerns, and requesting support in addressing the issue.

Abigail Strickland presented the Manager's Report and reminded the Authority of their DDA training requirements. She also noted that the UWG GRA intern will begin on August 13 and reminded members to RSVP for the annual Volunteer Dinner by September 2. Strickland will re-forward the proposed downtown string lights program to the Authority for their review.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37am.

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