

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 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; George Alexander; Paul Guillaume. Council members present by Zoom: Rhodes Shell and Cynthia E. Jenkins. Council member absent: Dustin Koritko. Present by phone: Assistant City Manager Hasco Craver. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Della Hill; City Planner Chris Cole; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Police Chief, Douglas "Buster" Meadows.

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 21, 2020

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on July 21, 2020 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

APPOINTMENT – RETIREMENT BOARD

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to re-appoint Della Hill to the Retirement Board.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

APPOINTMENT – NEWNAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMISSION – 3 YEAR TERM

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

APPOINTMENT – CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilwoman Jenkin's appointment on the agenda for the next Council meeting to the Convention Center Authority.

APPOINTMENT – CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Koritko's appointment on the agenda for the next meeting for the Cultural Arts Commission.

APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to appoint Matthew Pass to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Mayor Pro Tem Alexander and Councilwoman Jenkins's appointments on the agenda for the next meeting for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

ORDINANCE – ADOPT 2020 MILLAGE RATE FOR PROPERTY TAX BILLING

The City Manager recommends taking the full roll back rate of 3.643 mills from Coweta County Tax Commissioner for 2020 property tax billing.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to adopt an Ordinance adopting the full roll back rate from the Coweta County Tax Commissioner for the 2020 millage rate of 3.643 mills for property tax billing on First Reading.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Mayor Brady indicated a Special meeting for the second reading of Ordinance to adopt 2020 Millage Rate for Property Tax Billing will be on Thursday, August 20, 2020 time to be announced.

REQUEST – REMOVAL OF EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL – WEST WASHINGTON STREET/BROWN STREET

The Public Works Director/City Engineer indicated Wilburn Engineering has conducted a traffic signal warrant study for the above referenced intersection. From the study, the traffic signal is not warranted for existing volumes. However, sight distance restrictions produce unsafe conditions for 2-Way stop control and therefore, the All-Way stop control was determined as the safest option. The study also notes compliance issues and recommends physical modifications.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the removal of the existing traffic signal located at West Washington Street/Brown Street and convert the intersection to "ALL-WAY" stop control and make the recommended modifications to the curbs in order to address the ADA compliance issues and improve visibility of the stop signs.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

RESOLUTION – AMEND FEE SCHEDULE – ADDING A MINOR SITE PLAN REVIEW FEE

Since some applications will require review time by multiple departments, Staff is suggesting that the fee schedule be amended to offset the cost associated with the review. Staff recommends a fee amount of \$150.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the Resolution to amend the fee schedule by adding a minor site plan fee of \$150.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

ORDINANCE – AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCES – RE-ESTABLISH FARMER STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION – FIRST READING

The City Manager informed Council in 2000, the Mayor and Council approved the creation of the Farmer Street Cemetery Commission. Through a series of meetings, public input, and the use of consultants, the Commission prepared its findings and made a final presentation to Council on July 8, 2003. At that time the Commission's work was considered complete. Since that time, there has been conversation to restart the Commission. The purpose of the Commission would essentially be the same as the original purpose with specific language added to support the overall "promotion" of the Cemetery. Also, the newly formed Commission would not have an ending date nor ending task as did the original Commission. If adopted each Council member will appoint one member to the Commission.

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander to adopt an ordinance on first reading amending the Code of Ordinances to re-establish the Farmer Street Cemetery Commission and the purpose would essentially be the same as the original purpose with specific language added to support the overall "promotion" of the Cemetery.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE OF CARES ACT GRANT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to adopt a resolution to authorize the execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Terms and conditions; to authorize the acceptance of grant payments.

MOTION CARRIED. (6– 0)

RESOLUTION – CARES ACT HAZARD PAY

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander to adopt a Resolution for Cares Act Hazard Pay as identified in guidance provided by the Department

of Treasury to State whereas certified police officers, certified firefighters and sanitation employees routinely placed themselves into hazardous situations in order to provide essential public health and public safety to combat the spread of COVID-19.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWNAN AND NEWNAN VIEWS TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC.

This is an Encroachment Agreement between the City of Newnan and Newnan Views Townhome Association, Inc. seeking approval to allow for the construction of a seat wall near the intersection of LaGrange Street and Powell Street and for other purpose.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the agreement between the City of Newnan and Newnan Views for the construction of a seat wall near the intersection of LaGrange Street and Powell Street.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

RESOLUTION – APPROVING TRANSMITTAL OF THE 2020 UPDATE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT (CIE), WHICH INCLUDES THE SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to adopt a Resolution approving the transmittal of the 2020 update to the Capital Improvements Element (CIE), which includes the Short-Term Work Program (STWP) to the Three Rivers Regional Commission (RC) and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

MOTION CARRIED. (6 - 0)

PROPOSAL FROM MERRIS MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP CONSULTING – PERFORM REVIEW OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

The City Manager indicated after receiving direction from Council we have contacted numerous subject matter experts and recognized industry leaders regarding their potential interest and ability to perform the tasks as outlined in the adopted resolution. We received one proposal. Staff is supportive of Merris Management & Leadership Consulting proposal as submitted.

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the proposal from Merris Management & Leadership Consulting to perform review of policies, procedures and practices.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 - 0)

Councilwoman Jenkins commended Staff for their hard work trying to find a solution for us and get the essence of what they wanted to happen, happen.

REQUEST – MIKE MENESE – BLOCK PARKING SPACES ALONG GREENVILLE STREET – AT GREENVILLE STREET PARK FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND FOOD TRUCKS

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the request by Mike Menese to block parking spaces along Greenville Street at the Greenville Street Park for emergency vehicles and food trucks at event on August 29, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman Jenkins indicated she has had lots of concerns about the site line at Wesley Street onto Jefferson Street.

The City Manager stated they are award of the issue. We are gathering data on the issue and will present an over view to Council as soon as it is available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose that we now enter into closed session as allowed by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4 and pursuant to advice by the City Attorney, for the purpose of discussing real estate and legal issues and that we move, in open session to adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor or presiding officer to execute an affidavit in compliance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4, and that this body ratify the actions of the Council taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meetings law at 2:45 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

RESOLUTION/MAYOR'S AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the affidavit stating that the subject matter of the closed portion of the Council was within the exceptions provided by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b).

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

EDWARDS CLAIM

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose to deny the Edwards Claim as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adjourn the Council meeting at 2:57 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor