

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 6:30 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, Cynthia E. Jenkins and Dustin Koritko. Council member present by Zoom: Rhodes Shell. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; City Clerk, Della Hill; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Police Chief, Douglas "Buster" Meadows.

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 26, 2020

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on May 26, 2020 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 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.

APPOINTMENTS – CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Motion by Councilman Dubose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Parks Avery to the Convention Center Authority for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Alexander and Councilwoman Jenkins's appointments on the agenda for the next meeting for the Convention Center Authority.

APPOINTMENTS – NEWNAN CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Evette M. Jones to the Cultural Arts Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Alexander, Guillaume, Shell, and Koritko's appointments on the agenda for the next meeting for the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission.

APPOINTMENTS – KEEP NEWNAN BEAUTIFUL

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to re-appoint Scott Berta to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Paul Richardson to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to re-appoint Lynn Love-Stanier to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Council Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Brenda Jessel to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for another three year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - MAYOR

Mayor Brady read a statement paying tribute to our City Employees for their outstanding service to our Citizens. Our employees serve in a professional matter that is fitting for the City of Newnan and the citizens. Mr. Phillips and his team are guided by a policy when running the City. The current social status in our state and nation brings us to reexamine our current policy with emphases on Public Safety. The men and women of the Police Department serve to protect our community are dedicated. It is the responsibility of this Council to adopt policies that the Newnan Police Department has access to the latest policies to do their jobs. The safety of all of our citizens is Council number one priority. The goal of Council is to seek out and adopt policies and provide training procedures to produce the finest and best trained Police Department in the State. Our citizens deserve

the best and we are in a position to make that a reality. He is asking Council to consider the Resolution for the engaging of a third party facilitator.

RESOLUTION – COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CITY OF NEWNAN POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES BY ENGAGING A THIRE-PARTY FACILITATOR

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to adopt a Resolution for a comprehensive review of City of Newnan policies, procedures and practices by engaging a third-party facilitator.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

REQUEST – COUNCILWOMAN JENKINS – ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COWETA COUNTY, SCHOOL BOARD, SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND JUDICIARY; FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING A FIRM TO LEAD COMMUNITY FORUMS ABOUT RACE, EQUITY AND JUSTICE

Councilwoman Jenkins indicated the reason for bring this to Council is she has been hearing citizens want to have a forum to be able to express themselves. We will be able to have a professional facilitator that knows how to run the forums and get to the heart of the issues and present to Council their recommendations.

Councilman Alexander stated there will be cost and wanted to know how the cost would be divided.

Councilwoman Jenkins indicated that would be part of the agreement. Staff will determine in the Intergovernmental agreement how to divide the cost among all parties in order to carry this out. The City of Newnan will take the lead.

Councilman Alexander asked about delaying the process until the policy review is complete.

Councilwoman Jenkins stated the two are separate processes with the forums aimed at giving everyone in the community a chance to express themselves. This is giving a voice and opportunity for people who are in the public. All changes should involve the public. People want to be heard and this Ordinance does not give that.

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to approve the request by Councilwoman Jenkins to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Coweta County, School Board, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office and Judiciary for the purpose of hiring a firm to lead Community forums and other necessary engagement for community input and to create an action plan for each entity that will lead to improve systems for each body.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

SALE OF 2014 PIERCE FREIGHTLINER PUMPER – NEWNAN FIRE DEPARTMENT FLEET

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to approve the sale of 2014 Pierce Freightliner Pumper from Newnan Fire Department to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC for current offer of \$180,000.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

REQUEST – DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX WRITE-OFFS FOR YEARS 2008 – 2014

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request to write-off the remaining real property tax bills in the amount of \$10,568 which have been deemed uncollectable by staff after exhausting all methods of collection currently available.

MOTION CARRIED. (7– 0)

RESOLUTION – NOMINATING MAYOR BRADY FOR MEAG BOARD AND CONFIRMING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander to adopt a Resolution nominating Mayor Brady to serve on the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia Power Board.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander to adopt a Resolution appointing George A. Alexander as voting delegate and Rhodes H. Shell as alternate voting delegate for the MEAG Annual Election.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

INFORMATION ONLY – REZONING REQUEST RZ2020-02, INLINE COMMUNITIES, LLC FOR 22.007± ACRES MCBRIDE STREET AND 90 AND 92 SPRAYBERRY ROAD (TAX PARCEL #s N58 0001 002, N36 014, AND N36 015)

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE – RETAIL OFF PREMISE (PACKAGE) SALES, MALT BEVERAGES AND WINE – RACE TRAC PETROLEUM, INC. D/B/A RACE TRAC #2573

Mayor Brady open a public hearing on the application for a Retail Off Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine License for Race Trac Petroleum, Inc. d/b/a Race Trac #2573 located at 2901 Newnan Crossing Blvd.

A representative of 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 Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the application for a Retail Off Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine License for Race Trac Petroleum, Inc. dba Race Trac #2573 located at 2901 Newnan Crossing Blvd.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

AWARD CONTRACT – CONCRETE PIPE REHABILITATION AT C JAY SMITH PARK TO RDJE, INC

This is in preparation for improvements to C Jay Smith Park, it has been determined that an existing concrete pipe running under the ball field needs rehabilitation. The low bid submitted by RDJE, Inc was found responsive to the specifications for the project.

Councilwoman Jenkins asked at what point is this with the redevelopment of the park.

The City Manager stated we are about 50% in the design phase of the project. We will be presenting to Council the design that will include the list of things discussed for the Farmer Street Cemetery.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to award the bid for the improvements to C Jay Smith Park to RDJE, Inc in the amount of \$129,400 for concrete pipe rehabilitation running under the ball field.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 - 0)

2ND READING ORDINANCE – REZONING REQUEST RZ2020-01 FOURTH QUARTER PROPERTIES 93, LLC FOR 8.44± ACRES LOCATED ON NEWNAN CROSSING BYPASS – (#087 5043 004) FROM CCS TO MXD

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to adopt an Ordinance on second reading to amend zoning for 8.44± acres located on Newnan Crossing Bypass from CCS to MXD. Opposed: Koritko.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 - 1)

CONSENT AGREEMENT – TIME EXTENSION REGARDING AN ANNEXATION DISPUTE RELATED TO ANNEX 2020-01 – REQUEST BY LINCHWOOD COWETA LLC - 65.77± ACRES; LOCATED ON PARKS ROAD (TAX PARCEL # 123 1050 005)

Representatives from the City, County and the applicant met to discuss the objection and the County's concerns regarding the annexation of 65.77 acres located on Parks Road.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was suggested that a Consent Agreement be considered that would extend the time to appoint an Arbitration Panel and allow adequate time to determine the traffic impact generated by the proposed development. All parties concurred that forty-five business days from receipt of the notice of objection would be sufficient time.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the consent agreement providing for a Time Extension regarding an Annexation Dispute Related to Annex 2020-01 request by Linchwood Coweta LLC for 65.77± acres located on Parks Road.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

REQUEST – FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO CLOSE MADISON STREET ON JUNE 26TH
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request by First Baptist Church to close Madison Street on June 26th for a Mobile Food Pantry.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

REQUEST – COLLEGE-TEMPLE NEIGHBORHOOD – CLOSE WESLEY STREET
BETWEEN JACKSON STREET AND COLLEGE STREET ON JULY 4TH FROM 9 AM –
2 PM

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request by College-Temple Neighborhood to close Wesley Street between Jackson Street and College Street on July 4th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

REQUEST – BRIDGING THE GAP – UTILIZE PARKING LOT AT C. JAY SMITH PARK
DISTRIBUTE LUNCHES TO CHILDREN

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the request by Bridging the Gap to utilize parking lot at C. Jay Smith Park to distribute lunches to children on Monday-Friday from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm beginning June 19th thru August 5, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

COMMENTS – STACEY BRISTOW

A resident of Newnan, Georgia Stacey Bristow stated when any part of the American family does not feel like it is being treated fairly, that's a problem for all of us; we are rising up and demanding change, now. In recent events that have exposed the brutality,

traumas and murders committed against African American men, women and youth by the hands of law enforcement historically, it is imperative that we the community address City Council about these behaviors, the abuse of police authority, and the bred culture of systemic racism that permeates our society at all levels must be dismantled. This Task Force: Citizens for Positive Reform, examines ways of fostering strong, collaborative relationships between local law enforcement and the communities they protect and to make recommendations to the respective entities on ways policing practices can promote effective crime reduction while building trust.

Our recommendations and demands are as follows:

Racial Profiling and Trauma Training:

The term Racial Trauma or Race-based Traumatic Stress, is the cumulative effects of racism, directly or indirectly on an individual's mental and physical health. The longstanding and deeply troubling national problem have taken root in our city and is not welcomed here. Those who experience profiling pay the price emotionally, psychologically, mentally and in some cases even financially, physically and by extension socially. Training will promote understanding and respect for racial and cultural differences and the use of effective non-combative methods for carrying out law enforcement duties in a racially and culturally diverse environment.

Cultural Sensitivity and Diversity Training:

Because of the nature of the power law enforcement officers possess it becomes critical they understand the changing community and the racial and ethnic challenges that compounds it. The concern for understanding the importance of a multicultural society and the role police play is not new. In fact, negative attitudes by police officers regarding race and cultural was noted by police researches in the early 1900's. These attitudes are more pronounced globally today, and some of Newnan's Law Enforcement personnel are not exempt.

Communication is a critical part of policing. The ability to communicate with all the citizens in our communities is critical to successful policing.

Cultural sensitivity and diversity training should be offered by a certified person of color and the content should include but not be limited to demographics and psychographics, personal value systems, historical perspectives and how people may react to police. Understanding the context of communication and the role that it plays in human interaction as well as value systems of different cultures will enable law enforcement officers to be more effective when dealing with the public. Achieving diversity in entry level recruitment is important but achieving systemic and comprehensive diversification at every level of the department is the larger mandate.

To minimize racial, ethnic and gender biases within Newnan Police Department, the department must create a workforce that encompasses a broad range of diversity

including race, gender, language, life experience, education and cultural background to improve understanding and effectiveness in engaging with all communities. Unfocused diversity management will not achieve the desired benefits of a multicultural police force. They must set and pursue diversity goals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins 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 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 7:02 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

RESOLUTION/MAYOR'S AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko 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. (7 – 0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:25 pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)