

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2020

The Special Called Council meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Thursday August 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Richard A. Bolin Council Chambers 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; Paul Guillaume; Dustin Koritko and George Alexander. Council members present by Zoom: Cynthia E. Jenkins and Rhodes Shell (11:03 arriving). City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; Assistant City Manager by phone, Hasco Craver; City Clerk, Della Hill; City Attorney Brad Sears; Police Chief Douglas "Buster" Meadows.

**2nd READING - ORDINANCE – ADOPT 2020 MILLAGE RATE FOR
PROPERTY TAX BILLING**

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to adopt on 2nd Reading an Ordinance for the full roll back rate from Coweta County Tax Commissioner for the 2020 millage rate of 3.643 mills for property tax billing.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

**2ND READING – ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH FARMER STREET
CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Councilman Koritko asked if the City should include the other historic cemeteries in the City in this Commission.

Councilwoman Jenkins stated she thinks this is a unique cemetery. It has had less attention than the other cemeteries. It has gone a number of years without any recognition. Part of this is making sure we properly reclaimed the Cemetery, properly set it up in ways that we have not had to deal with other cemeteries. Oak Hill has never gone without some recognition, maintenance and markers where Farmer Street Cemetery has. This cemetery should have singular attention.

Mayor Pro Tem Alexander indicated he thinks Farmer Street Cemetery needs the attention, however if the other cemeteries need attention, after Commission completes the Farmer Street Cemetery, instead of coming back let this Commission look at the other cemeteries.

Mayor Brady stated we need to have a complete understanding of the issues with state regulations regarding cemeteries with private ownership. This may be some lines we do not want to cross.

The City Manager noted we have been maintaining Boone Road Cemetery with no ownership for years. I think if we decide to look into all cemeteries we should address Eastview and Oak Hill noting they are different than Farmer Street. Some examples are restrictions on type of headstones and urns. We have a lot of standards in place and have had for a number of years. We have thought about revising some of these standards. We have perpetual maintenance at Oak Hill and Eastview.

Councilwoman Jenkins stated this is not an active cemetery and some of the rules do not apply to Farmer Street Cemetery.

Mayor Brady thinks Farmer Street Cemetery should stand on its own. The hole process is worth looking into with state regulations along with other rules and regulations.

Councilman Koritko wants to make sure Farmer Street Cemetery gets the quality and care to call it a city cemetery. He just wants to make sure all of the cemeteries are up to quality. He agrees with the Mayor to make sure all of the regulations are met and appropriate for the City of Newnan.

Councilman DuBose stated he thinks making two separate issue is a good idea.

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt on 2nd Reading an Ordinance to re-establish the Farmer Street Cemetery Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

APPOINTMENTS – FARMER STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander to appoint Loren Taylor to the Farmer Street Cemetery Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to appoint Joselyn Washington Palmer to the Farmer Street Cemetery Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko 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 11:10 am.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)

RESOLUTION/MAYOR'S AFFICAVIT 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 o 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)

NO ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 am.

MOTION CARRIED. (7 - 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor