

MEETING MINUTES

**City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, November 11th, 2021
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room**

Members Present: Keith Brady, Ray Dubose, Brant Frost, Jim Thomasson, Graylin Ward

Members Absent: Martha Ann Parks, Casey Smith

Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Jesse Branch, Hasco Craver

The meeting was called to order at 8:01am.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Keith Brady made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the previous meeting as presented to the Authority. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- a. BOZ Primary: \$23,565.73**
- b. BOZ MMI: \$108,823.33**
- c. YTD Income: \$69,511.48**
- d. YTD Expense: \$60,928.08**
 - Net Income: \$8,583.40**

Abigail Strickland noted that \$6,800 was donated to the Boys & Girls Club from the Sunrise on the Square Road Race proceeds, which is an increase from last year.

Abigail Strickland presented the 2022 Event Schedule to the Authority. Abigail Strickland noted that the Authority may have to look at revamping the Taste of Newnan event in the spring due to restaurant staff shortages, and proposed a new “Restaurant Week” event to take its place in order to promote the restaurants in the downtown district that may include a “Taste of Newnan Tour.” Abigail and Jesse Branch are working on doing more research in the coming months. Keith Brady made a motion to approve the 2022 Event Schedule. Graylin Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland presented the 2022 Budget to the Authority. There are minimal changes, if any, to the budget. Jim Thomasson made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland requested the appointments from the Nominating Committee. Keith Brady and Jim Thomasson selected Ray Dubose as Chairman, Jim Thomasson as Vice-Chairman, and Graylin Ward as Secretary/Treasurer. Jim Thomasson made a motion to approve the selected appointments to the Authority positions. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the ARPA Applications through the City. These funds – through the American Rescue Plan Act – have been allocated to the City in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which can be used for projects that were impacted by the pandemic or new projects that are in response to the pandemic. Abigail suggested that the DDA apply for these funds for the alleyway projects, as these projects would provide necessary outdoor multi-use spaces in the post-pandemic era. The call for applications extends to the public, social service providers, public health, and infrastructure. All applicants will be reviewed by the ARPA City Staff and voted on and approved by City Council.

Abigail Strickland noted that there will be a Tunnell, Spangler, Walsh (TSW) Kick-Off Meeting during the DDA meeting on January 12th.

Abigail Strickland asked the Authority about the DDA meeting in December. Brant Frost made a motion to not meet in December and to meet again in January of 2022. Jim Thomasson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23am.

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday, January 12th, 2022
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
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