

MEETING MINUTES

City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, June 15th, 2022
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

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

Members Absent: Ray DuBose, Martha Ann Parks, Casey Smith

Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Hasco Craver

Visitors Present: Grace Smith

The meeting was called to order at 8:05am.

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. Graylin Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- BOZ primary: 53,682.53
- MMI: 76,369.01
- YTD Income: 25,382.75
- YTD Expense: 32,714.08
 - 1. Net Income: -7,331.33

Abigail Strickland noted that the Authority has paid TSW \$11,773.39 for the design guideline services to date. The transfer of the funds from the Money Market to the Primary Checking to pay for TSW services will make the account appear in the negative.

Abigail Strickland presented an update on potential properties to be included in the DDA district boundaries including: the Linc Trailhead, the Headley Properties, the Newnan Lofts, First Avenue Park, the commercial properties near First Avenue Park, and 85 Jackson. Abigail reached out to all suggested properties about adding them to the DDA district and only obtained confirmation from Jim Thomasson. Abigail also heard back from the owner of 27 First Avenue, but he wanted to discuss with the other property owners before making a final decision. Abigail hopes to hear from the rest of the property owners before making a decision regarding including their properties into the DDA district.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the Carnegie-Thompson Alleyway. We are currently awaiting a paving contract for the repaving of the alleyway per the Public Works Director, Ray Norton. Repaving is the first step of the project, followed by moving the water lines and then potentially adding a temporary art installation.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on the Downtown Design Guidelines progress. Abigail noted that they are planning on hosting their first public meeting in Newnan on June 16th from 5pm-7pm.

Jim Thomasson stated he had heard some recent complaints regarding the parking situation downtown and wanted to discuss potential options to alleviate the parking stress during business hours. Jim Thomasson recommended looking into parking signs that are reserved for customers only, to force employees of the businesses to park elsewhere. Hasco Craver informed the Authority that a parking study was done in 2012 and the document made a few recommendations such as paid parking, limited hour parking during business hours, and implementation of a educational campaign on “cost of parking”. The challenge would be enforcing the limited parking or paid parking. Keith Brady recommended that we “leave it the way it is”. Brant Frost requested staff report back at the next meeting with what other cities without parking decks handle parking issues.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on available properties in Downtown, to include: 17 Augusta, 3 E Broad, and 31 E Broad.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27am.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, August 10th, 2022
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room