MEETING MINUTES

City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, May 11th, 2022
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

Members Present: Ray Dubose, Brant Frost, Casey Smith, Graylin Ward
Members Absent: Keith Brady, Martha Ann Parks, Jim Thomasson
Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Jesse Branch

The meeting was called to order at 8:03am.

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed by the Authority. Casey Smith 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: $48,936.13**
b. **BOZ MMI: $76,362.32**
c. **YTD Income: $14,629.67**
d. **YTD Expense: $21,625.13**
    - **Net Income: -$6,995.46**

Abigail Strickland noted that the decrease in the MMI and increase in the Primary is due to the transfer of $32,500 to cover the expenses to TSW for the Downtown Design Guidelines.

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 7th

sometime in the afternoon or evening, but that they may push it out to a later date. Abigail reminded the Authority that the $32,500 was transferred for the cost of the project.

Abigail Strickland updated the Authority on available properties in Downtown, to include: 8 Greenville, 3 E Broad, 9 Jackson. Abigail also mentioned that 2 Greenville is currently undergoing interior demolition.

Abigail Strickland mentioned to the Authority that she and Jesse Branch will be out of the office May 16th-May 20th as they will be attending the National Main Street Conference in Richmond, Virginia.

Abigail Strickland informed the Authority that the "bike" bike racks have been placed at The Redneck Gourmet and The Alamo, as was previously discussed by the Authority.

Abigail Strickland asked Ray Dubose to update the Authority on the Caldwell Tanks project. Ray Dubose noted that the City Council heard from two firms at the April 12th meeting who presented their qualifications for the project as well as their rough design ideas. Demolition for the site is expected to be completed in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27am.

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