MEETING MINUTES

City of Newnan
Downtown Development Authority
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
8:00 am – Newnan City Hall
25 Lagrange Street- Council Chamber Room

Members Present: Keith Brady, Ray Dubose, Jim Thomasson, Brant Frost, Martha Ann Parks, Graylin Ward, Casey Smith
Staff Present: Abigail Strickland, Hasco Craver, Jesse Branch
Visitors Present: Joe Adgie, Jaami Rutledge

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

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. Jim Thomasson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

a. **BOZ Primary: $9,136.05**
b. **BOZ MMI: $108,754.78**
c. **YTD Income: $2786.29**
d. **YTD Expense:$8935.09**
    - **Net Income: -$6148.80**

Abigail Strickland noted income would see an increase with the upcoming spring and summer events.

Hasco Craver updated the Authority on the 34/36 Madison Street DDRLF closure. The original resolution was written under Steed Properties and most recent loan documents state Steed Constriction & Renovations. Necessary resolutions to ratify the documents were signed by Ray DuBose and Graylin Ward

Abigail Strickland reviewed the summer event schedule with the Authority. Summer NewnanNights are to be held on June 10th, July 8th, and August 12th. Summer Wined Up is to be held on June 18th.

Jesse Branch discussed her findings regarding the 4th of July Parade with the Authority since the 4th falls on a Sunday this year: Peachtree City is hosting their parade and fireworks show on Saturday, July 3rd, all four downtown churches are planning on hosting Sunday services on Sunday, July 4th, and the Rotary is still planning on hosting their fireworks at Newnan High School on the evening of the 4th. Brant Frost noted that the church goers may find the parade to be disrespectful if it is hosted in the morning. Ray Dubose mentioned that he had heard similar

thoughts from other members of the community. Keith Brady suggested that it be moved to later in the day. Hasco Craver noted that 12:00pm might be a good time since the parade was originally moved to the morning of the 4th due to the temperatures in July and the ability to celebrate for the remainder of the day before the fireworks show around 9:00pm. Martha Ann Parks suggested that the parade start at 4:00pm. Brant Frost made a motion to host the parade on Sunday, July 4th beginning at 4:00pm. Keith Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland recommended the Authority consider collaborating with the Newnan Coweta Boys and Girls Club again for the 2021 Sunrise on the Square Road Race. The Boys & Girls Club have been consistent partners for the last two years. Within in the last two years there has been no issues with volunteers or the organization itself. Casey Smith made a motion to accept the Newnan Coweta Boys & Girls Club as the Non Profit Partner for the 2021 Sunrise on the Square Road Race. Brant Frost seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jesse Branch presented her findings regarding the current Market Day setup, following the lifting of the Governor's restrictions regarding COVID-19. With the current set-up of 10 feet between vendors, thirty vendors can fit in the open streets. If the distance between vendors was reduced to 5 feet, the available vendor count increases to forty-two vendors. With no distance between vendors, the available vendor count increases to sixty-two vendors, which is more than the sixty vendors that could fit around the courthouse in previous years. Casey Smith made a motion to reduce the space between vendors to allow for the full sixty-two vendors. Keith Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland introduced Jaami Rutledge whom represented the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission. The Newnan Cultural Arts Commission requested permission to host open container summer concert series in Greenville Street Park on June 26th, July 24th, August 20th, and September 11th. Martha Ann Parks made a motion to request that Newnan City Council allow for the open consumption of alcohol within the boundaries of Greenville Street Park during the NCAC summer concert series during the following dates and times. Keith Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Abigail Strickland shared the Annual Meeting results with the Authority. Downtown businesses requested that there be a continuation of either the Forward Fridays or a similar event, and some businesses have continued to engage in this on their own. Jesse Branch sent out a survey to obtain more information from the businesses, and those results are currently being synthesized. Keith Brady recommended the Authority reach out to Bike Coweta to assist with the bike racks procurement for the downtown district. Jim Thomasson stated he would follow up with Bike Coweta board to see what their needs are to implement in the bike racks. Martha Ann Parks stated the wraps that have been installed on the traffic control boxes are a great addition and hopes to see more throughout the district.

Abigail Strickland reminded the Authority of the Special Called meeting to attend a portion of the City Council Retreat for a work session related to the Caldwell Tanks Master Planning that will be held on April 23rd at the Newnan Utilities Wahoo Creek. The meeting will likely last from 8:00am-10:00am.

Abigail Strickland reminded the Authority of the Strategic Planning Retreat that will be held on May 12th at the Carnegie Library. The retreat will likely last until 2pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36am.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
8:00 am – Newnan Carnegie Library
1 Lagrange Street