

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. in the Richard A. Bolin Council Chambers of City Hall 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, George Alexander, Rhodes Shell, Dustin Koritko and Paul Guillaume. Absent: Cynthia Jenkins. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; City Clerk, Megan Shea and City Attorney, Brad Sears.

READING OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 26, 2023

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 26, 2023 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

B. 1 Appointment – Convention Center Authority, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

C. 1 Appointment – Cultural Arts Commission, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

D. 4 Appointments – Development Authority, 3-year terms

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Koritko to reappoint Patrick McKee for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Mayor Brady, seconded by Councilman Alexander to reappoint Parks Avery for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Alexander to reappoint James Poulakos for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

Continue other appointment to next agenda.

E. 1 Appointment – Tree Commission, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

F. 1 Appointment – Water & Light Commission, 3-year term

Motion by Mayor Brady, seconded by Councilman Alexander to reappoint Dianne Parker for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

G. Public Hearing – Application for Alcohol Beverage License – MSF Food Mart, Inc.

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for Retail off Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine for MSF Food Mart at 1700 Newnan Crossing Blvd.

A representative of applicant was present for the hearing. No one spoke for or against the application. Mayor Brady closed the public hearing. The City Clerk advised that all the documentation had been received and everything was in order.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Koritko, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the application for Retail on Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

H. Public Hearing – Application for Alcohol Beverage License – Tacos Mi Veracruz

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for Retail on Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine for Tacos Mi Veracruz at 21 Bullsboro Dr.

A representative of applicant was present for the hearing. No one spoke for or against the application. Mayor Brady closed the public hearing. The City Clerk advised that all the documentation had been received and everything was in order.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the application for Retail on Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

I. Consideration of Recommendation from the Parks Commission for ADA Playground Project at Sprayberry Rd Park

Mike Furbush, City Landscape Architect, explained that this is a recommendation from the Parks Commission for an addition at Sprayberry Rd Park. It is an ADA handicap accessible playground. Mr. Furbush also asked for approval for a contract to construct.

Councilman Shell asked exactly where it would sit on the site? Mr. Furbush said behind the restrooms at the dog park there is an existing playground and this would be between the two and tie to the existing.

Councilman Alexander asked if the Parks Commission will be looking at doing similar projects at other parks? Mr. Furbush listed First Avenue, Lynch Park and Ray Park have playgrounds and said the commission has looked at trying to make those more accessible.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose to approve the project as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

J. Consideration of Contract Award – Culvert System Improvements for Savannah St and Pinson St

Michael Klahr, City Engineer, stated that this contract is to replace the culvert at Savannah St. and Pinson St. The low bid came from Piedmont Paving at \$1,294,577.54, actually under what was estimated.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the contract award as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

K. Consideration of Contract Award – Traffic Signal Installations

Mr. Klahr explained that this is a continuation of a multi-year project updating traffic signals, modernizing the software and hardware. This is for the intersections of Marin Luther King Jr Dr., Dodson St. and Mary Ann St. and Fourth St. and Sunset Ln.

Councilman Shell asked about the video instead of pavement and if DOT does that as well? Mr. Klahr said that they may still be doing pavement but the City has been very successful with the video. The video is web based so you can watch the signal and change timing remotely.

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the contract award as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

L. Consideration of Resolution to Amend Plumbing Code to Comply with Agreement between Newnan Utilities and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District

Bill Stephenson, Chief Building Official, explained that this is the first step in this process. After DCA reviews the resolution then the amendments will come back to Council for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Koritko asked why this is not handled at the state level? Mr. Stephenson said he is not sure but it could be since the inspectors enforce the codes at the local level. Also, most of the codes are already being installed by builders.

Mayor Pro Tem Koritko asked why the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District as an unelected board is dictating this to an elected board? City Manager stated that the Water Planning District has been in existence for over 20 years and almost all of the stormwater and erosion control measures adopted have been through the Water Planning District.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Alexander to adopt the resolution as presented. Opposed: Koritko

MOTION CARRIED. (5-1)

M. Presentation of FY2024 Newnan Centre Budget

Ms. Peyton Shelnett, Director of the Newnan Centre, presented the budget.

Councilman Guillaume asked about the church that holds Sunday services there, if they were pulled what would the loss be to the Centre? Ms. Shelnett said about \$150,000 a year in rental. She said they do get a lot of calls for business and Sunday weddings.

Mayor Pro Tem Koritko asked how long the church plans to use the space? Ms. Shelnett said they are searching for a property and they have agreed to give a 6-month notice when they do find a property.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

VISITORS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS & COMPLAINTS

N. Request from Foundation Church for 3 parking spaces during Munchkin Masquerade on October 31, 2023

Councilman Shell asked what the time frame is for this? Assistant City Manager stated 9am-12pm was requested. The event goes from 10am-12pm.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Koritko, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander 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 legal 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 2:46PM.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

RESOLUTION/MAYOR'S AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the affidavit stating that the subject matter of the closed portion of the Council was within the exceptions provided by O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(b).

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

MOSSIGNAC CLAIM

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to deny the claim as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Koritko to adjourn the Council meeting at 2:52pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (6-0)

Megan Shea, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor