

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, April 11, 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, Rhodes Shell, George Alexander, Cynthia Jenkins, Dustin Koritko and Paul Guillaume. 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 Special Called Work Session on March 28, 2023

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Called Work Session on March 28, 2023 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

B. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 28, 2023

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman DuBose to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 28, 2023 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Continue to next agenda.

D. Appointment – Keep Newnan Beautiful, interim term

Continue to next agenda.

E. Appointment – Parks Commission, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

F. Appointment – Tree Commission, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

G. Appointments – Urban Redevelopment Agency, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

H. Appointments – Youth Activities Commission, 3-year terms

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander to re-appoint Katie Frost for a 3-year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to re-appoint Kirk Stallings for a 3-year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Koritko to re-appoint Smith Pass for a 3-year term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Continue Councilman Shell's second appointment to the next agenda.

Mayor

Mayor Brady announced to Council and to the newspaper that the May 9th City Council meeting will be cancelled due to travel conflicts and a lack of actionable items.

Mayor Brady then called a meeting on May 11th at 6pm to be held at the Coweta County Commissioners Chambers. The purpose is the initial discussion of SPLOST election coming later this year. Mayor Pro Tem Koritko will chair as Mayor Brady will be out of town.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Public Hearing – Application for Alcohol Beverage License – Rhea Investments dba Springhill Suites

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for Retail on Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine for Rhea Investments dba Springhill Suites at 1119 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 DuBose, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the application for Retail on Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

K. Public Hearing – Application for Alcohol Beverage License – Zokalo Mexicantina 1, LLC

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for Retail on Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine for Zokalo Mexicantina at 1899 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 Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the application for Retail on Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

L. Consideration of Consultant Selection for Professional Engineering Services for Jefferson Street Intersection Improvements

Mayor Brady stated that this item has been withdrawn due to a request from GDOT to hold off until more information is gathered.

M. Consideration of Resolution to Re-Certify the City of Newnan as a “City of Ethics”

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N. 5 Smith St. – Owner update and request for extension

Matt Murray, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that this storm damaged property was before Council back in October 2022 and was given 180-day extension which is expiring. The owner did sell the property and the new owner has started work on the property. There was a lot of work to do and they have been making progress. They are requesting 120-day extension to finish the project.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the request for 120-day extension.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

VISITORS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS & COMPLAINTS

O. Request from Summergrove POA to Post Signs/Banners for several events

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

I. DDA Recommendations for Downtown Sanitation Program (Item addressed out of order)

Abigail Strickland, Main Street Manager, stated that a letter from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Chairman, Jim Thomasson, was included in the agenda packet. The recommendation is to base rates off of the CPI index moving forward. Mayor Brady stated that the DDA has had extensive conversations about this over several months.

Hasco Craver, Assistant City Manager, explained that the rates will stay where they are now and then annually in March the rates will be raised by whatever the Consumer Price Index is for Solid Waste Trash. Councilman Shell asked when people would be notified of this change? Mr. Craver said they can be told now.

Mayor Pro Tem Koritko asked if the rate increase next year will cover the cost of sanitation services. Mr. Craver said that this program does not pay for itself. Within the downtown program it's not just trash removal but other cleanliness services and therefore cannot be compared to residential trash services. Councilwoman Jenkins asked if there is a point with the increases where residential and downtown will match up? Mr. Craver explained no, since residential also includes brush and bulk pickup.

Councilman Shell commented that some people will always be over paying and some will be under paying, depending on their situations. Mr. Craver explained that cans are not assigned to specific restaurants or businesses downtown, they are designated by area, so it cannot be measured by volume.

Councilman Alexander commented that he did some research as the new sanitation company takes all garbage and then separates the recycle which ends up being about 20%. There is more recycling happening now then previously.

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to adjourn the Council meeting at 2:46pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Megan Shea, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor