

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 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, Jim Thomasson, Cynthia Jenkins, Rhodes Shell, Dustin Koritko and Paul Guillaume. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; Assistant City Manager, Meg Kelsey; City Clerk, Megan Shea and City Attorney, Brad Sears.

READING OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 23, 2024

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Shell to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on January 23, 2024 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

YOUTH COUNCIL ATTENDEES

Councilwoman Jenkins introduced the members of Youth Council who were in attendance. Mary Lois Griffis, Laci Johnson, Davis Markham and Liam Bulford.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

B. 2 Appointments – Christmas Commission, 3-year term

Motion by Mayor Brady, seconded by Councilman Koritko to reappoint Val Cranford for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Continue other appointment to next agenda.

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

Continue to next agenda.

D. 2 Appointments – Downtown Development Authority, 4-year terms

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to appoint Ashley Keeley to the Downtown Development Authority.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to appoint Valerie Dumas to the Downtown Development Authority.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

E. 2 Appointments – Farmer Street Cemetery Commission, 3-year terms

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume to appoint Jordan Marchman to the Farmer Street Cemetery Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to appoint Christina Joseph to the Farmer Street Cemetery Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

F. 1 Appointment – Parks Commission, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

G. 1 Appointment – Planning Commission, 3-year term

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume to appoint Katie Frost to the Planning Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

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

Continue to next agenda.

CITY MANAGER

Just a reminder to Council that the appointments for the Bicentennial Committee will be on the next agenda. Councilman Shell asked how many appointments and Mayor Brady stated two per Councilmember. Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume asked if they could consider changing it to only one appointment per Councilmember? Mayor Brady asked for that discussion to be on the next agenda, as an amended ordinance would be needed.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Consideration of Contract for Cooling Tower Replacement at Newnan City Hall

Mark Johnston, Facilities Director, stated that he is requesting to enter into contract with Anchor Heating & Air for the replacement of the cooling tower.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the contract as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. Public Hearing – 60 Sunset Ln.

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing.

Matt Murray, Code Enforcement Officer, started by introducing Patrick Ramirez, a new code enforcement officer who was in attendance. Mr. Ramirez will be taking over for Mr. Murray when he steps down later this year. Mayor Brady welcomed Mr. Ramirez.

Mr. Murray explained that this property was brought to the City's attention last summer. Code violation letters were sent to the estate of Ms. Lily Mae Turner and Ms. Martha Owens did respond. The family was not sure what to do with the property. They did cut back overgrowth but the roof has continued to deteriorate. The property taxes are current. The cost to repair would exceed 50% of the appraised value of the property. The request is for 45-day resolution to repair or demolish.

Ms. Martha Owens explained that this was her mother's residence and they are planning on demolishing the house. She said there have been many factors that have contributed to the property not being kept up. She said she has already contacted people to handle the demolition.

No one spoke for or against. Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume to adopt a resolution for 45-day repair or demolish.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

K. 21 Berry Ave. – 45-day progress update

Mr. Murray stated that this property was given 90 days with a 45-day update. There has been progress made, all inspections have not been passed but they are working with the inspectors to fix.

No action needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Shell to adjourn the Council meeting at 6:42pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Megan Shea, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor