

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 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, Jim Thomasson, Rhodes Shell, Cynthia Jenkins, Paul Guillaume and Dustin Koritko. 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 August 27, 2024

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman DuBose to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on August 27, 2024 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

B. 1 Appointment – Bicentennial Committee

Continue to next agenda.

C. 1 Appointment – Christmas Commission, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

D. 13 Appointments – Ethics Commission, 2-year terms

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to reappoint Thomas W. Barron for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to reappoint Tom Freeman for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Thomasson to reappoint Carl Greene for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Thomasson to reappoint Krista Frost for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to reappoint Mark Darrow for another term.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Continue other appointments to the next agenda.

E. 1 Appointment – Keep Newnan Beautiful, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

F. 1 Appointment – Youth Activities Commission, 3-year term

Continue to next agenda.

MAYOR

G. Proclamation for Constitution Week 2024

Mayor Brady read the proclamation and presented it to the members of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) that were in attendance.

H. Greenville Street Park Flagpole

Mayor Brady explained that a flagpole has never been installed at Greenville St. Park and this is a request to Council for that to be done. It was something that Ms. Brenda Jessel, who passed away recently, had asked the Mayor to do. Greenville St. Park is scheduled to be renovated and with the recent loss of Ms. Brenda, the loss to the community, he asked Council to move ahead with the process of getting the flagpole put in. He has spoken to the family of Ms. Brenda's and they helped identify an area for the flagpole and they requested the dedication of the flagpole be next March when they could all be here for it.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the project as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

NEW BUSINESS

I. Public Hearing – Application for Alcohol Beverage License – Panaderia Bakery Juquilita, Inc.– Retail Off Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages – 211 Bullsboro Dr.– Reason: New Business

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail Off Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages for Panaderia Bakery Juquilita, Inc. at 211 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 Koritko, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the application for a Retail Off Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

J. Consideration of Third Amendment to MEAG Solar Purchase Power Agreement

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

K. Consideration of Placement of Photo Booth on City Sidewalk

Councilman DuBose asked if the booth would have appropriate Newnan wrapping? Abigail Strickland, Main Street Manager, said yes it will be branded with the Downtown Newnan/Main Street marketing material. There is no current mock-up yet but that will go before the Downtown Development Authority for approval.

Councilwoman Jenkins asked if other communities have had any issues with these? Ms. Strickland said no, she said the company that installs them has only had to remove one and that was due to a company closure. The company that installs takes care of everything, if any damage happens, they will come and fix it. The cost will be \$5.50 for 2 strips of photos, and they are not offered digitally. Main Street will maintain basic cleaning of the booth and replacement of the photo paper.

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to approve the placement of a photo booth as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. 2nd and Final Reading – Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, Standards for Variances

Motion by Councilman Thomasson, seconded by Councilman Shell to adopt the ordinance amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

VISITORS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS & COMPLAINTS

M. Request from the Newnan-Coweta Chamber to hold an event at the City of Newnan Pickleball Facility on October 2nd

Motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

N. Request from Holistic Chamber of Commerce to hold Community Wellness Day event on the Square on April 26, 2025

Mayor Brady asked if the date would conflict with the Bike Crit that has been happening around that date? Mr. Phillips said no, Bike Coweta has not made a decision yet on the event, but that date is not the date they are looking at anyway. Mr. Phillips did bring up a concern around the request for the closures to begin Friday night at 6pm. Chief Blankenship said they usually wait until businesses have closed for the evening to put up barricades for Saturday events, maybe around 1am. Council agreed that would be better.

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Thomasson to approve the request with the amended time for the closures at 1am on Saturday, April 26th.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko 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 real estate 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

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taken in closed session and confirm that the subject matters of the closed session were within exceptions permitted by the open meetings law at 2:46 PM.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

RESOLUTION/MAYOR'S AFFIDAVIT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko 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. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adjourn the Council meeting at 3:27pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Megan Shea, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor