

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday October 12, 2021 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: Rhodes Shell, George Alexander; Ray DuBose, Cynthia Jenkins, Paul Guillaume and Dustin Koritko. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Megan Shea; and City Attorney, Brad Sears.

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on September 28, 2021 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

APPOINTMENTS- DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place both appointments to the Development Authority on the next agenda.

ANNUAL REPORT- TREE COMMISSION

Mr. J.R Roberts presented the report. The commission is comprised of members who represent a variety of areas and businesses. The process has begun for the annual Tree City USA award submittal and this will be the 32nd consecutive year. Plant Newnan has started to meet. Delta Airlines will be working with Plant Newnan to donate. Unfortunately, a lot of things have been cancelled in 2021 due to COVID.

Alternative Compliance Board was discussed at the last meeting. The purpose of this would be to offer a process, if someone is developing in the City and they're having trouble meeting requirements this board would help them figure out what options they have.

ANNUAL REPORT- PARKS COMMISSION

Mayor Brady stated that this report will be placed on the next agenda.

**REQUEST FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING
MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ALLEYS**

Ray DuBose, Chairman of the DDA explained that for many years now the DDA has tried to come up with ways to keep the alleyways clean, have a better handle on grease traps and water runoff.

City Manager stated that he already asked staff from code enforcement, courts, main street, sanitation and police department to discuss this request. They discussed code violations and realized that there will probably need to be amendments made to the ordinances. For example, there are issues with air conditioning condensation and currently it's against the ordinance to put condensation into the storm water system. City staff is supportive of looking at this further and trying to find solutions.

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to accept the letter and forward to staff to work on further.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

**PRESENTATION BY MSI BENEFITS REGARDING THE CITY OF NEWNAN
EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Mayor Brady explained that this item was being moved up on the agenda to accommodate John Leggett's schedule.

Mr. Leggett explained that the City hired MSI last year after deciding to be self-insured. Cigna was hired to provide the city's health, dental and vision for employees. He gave a comparison between 2020 with GMA and 2021 with Cigna. Had the City renewed with GMA last year, the cost would have been higher by about \$415,000. The plan is running right on par with what was expected.

There are 3 plans that are offered. MSI is recommending removing the copay for telehealth, making that no cost. They are also recommending increasing the deductible on the Gold Plan by \$5/individual and \$10/family. The stop loss deductible right now is \$100,000 and MSI is recommending to increase that to \$250,000. The higher you go the lower premium you will have.

MSI is also recommending the City change its health and wellness platform to Cigna Motivate Me. This is a rewards program that pays employees for things such as wellness exams and dental cleanings. They are also recommending to continue with Cigna for Dental coverage, there will be a small increase in deductions.

Mr. Leggett summarized the recommendations being made. Council asked about customer service and feedback from employees. City Manager explained there were some issues early on but things are going well now. He does think some kind of appeals process may be needed. This would not cut out the peer to peer process that Cigna

already has in place. There was also discussion regarding how the recommendations being made by MSI would affect the budget for FY2022 and action needed by Council.

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shell to approve the 2022 recommendations outlined on page 10 of the MSI presentation.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE – TARGET STORE T-1223

Mayor Brady open a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine License for Target Store T-1223, 500 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 Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Package) Sales Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE – LAHA SPORTS GRILL LLC

Mayor Brady open a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License for Laha Sports Grill LLC, 941 Bullsboro Dr. Ste B.

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 Guillaume to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

HEARING REGARDING CITY OF NEWNAN CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE V, SECTION 3-110, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ACTION FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF BEVERAGE LICENSE #B-7152 DUNC'S BAR B QUE KITCHEN; STEVEN DUNCAN, OWNER, LICENSEE, LICENSE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Scott Cummins on behalf of Steve Duncan explained the circumstances around Mr. Duncan's arrest on a DUI charge on January 1, 2021. He stated that Mr. Duncan has already had to spend a night in jail, fines, 12-months' probation, DUI school and

community service. They are asking that his beverage license not be suspended. The event did not happen at the business but at his home. He has no prior violations and has complied with all city ordinances.

Councilwoman Jenkins asked what aspect of the city alcohol ordinance did his DUI violate? City Attorney explained that an applicant for a beverage license, both the licensee and license representative if needed, must not have been convicted or entered a nolo to any state violation for a period of 5 years. Council can take circumstances into consideration. This is an alcohol violation but it is not related to the business. If given a probation that would allow Mr. Duncan to file the renewal on his alcohol license in December.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko for a 30-day probation.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

CONSIDERATION TO DONATE A 1996 PIERCE SABER FIRE ENGINE TO THE GEORGIA STATE FIRE ACADEMY

Fire Chief, Stephen Brown, explained that they would like to donate an older fire engine to the state academy. One of the firefighters was at the academy recently and said they need engines to train on. Chief Brown stated that with all the help we have received over the last few years, this is a good opportunity to give back. This truck has little use and would not bring much at auction.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the donation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Ike McConnell from the Georgia State Fire Academy addressed Council to thank them for the donation and explained how this truck will go to good use.

CONSIDERATION OF AN INDICATION OF ROUNDABOUT SUPPORT WITH GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT)- LOWER FAYETTEVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

City Engineer, Michael Klahr, explained that they are working through PE Phase I Scoping for improvements to Lower Fayetteville Rd. Since a number of intersections have been identified for roundabouts this is a formality that needs to be completed.

There were some questions about the lighting at the roundabouts. Mr. Klahr explained that it is a higher lighting, more clustered. The lighting should be focused on the roadway and not disturb residences.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the indication of support as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

CONSIDERATION OF 2 MEAG CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF RESERVE & SUPPLEMENTAL CAPACITY FROM THE CITY OF LAGRANGE

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the contracts as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, CHAPTER 4, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY DELETING ARTICLE VII, DANGEROUS DOG CONTROL AND ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE VII

This was on the last agenda and there were items that needed to be edited.

Motion by Councilman Guillaume, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adopt the amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

RATIFICATION OF THE PURCHASE OF 50, 53, 54, 62 AND 65 MURRAY STREET

The City went through the process of negotiations, contracts and closing on these properties. This is a public ratification to notify the public that the City has closed on these properties.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shell to ratify the purchases as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REQUEST FROM WHITE OAK GOLDEN K-KIWANIS CLUB TO SET UP A KIOSK ON COURT SQUARE FOR THEIR ANNUAL PECAN SALE, WEEKEND NOVEMBER 5-21

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

COLLEGE TEMPLE NEIGHBORHOOD REQUEST TO CLOSE STREETS FOR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REQUEST FROM HIGHLAND APARTMENTS FOR STREET CLOSURE OCTOBER 22ND FROM 11AM-12PM FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REQUEST FROM FOUNDATION CHURCH FOR PARKING SPACES ON W. WASHINGTON ST. FOR ICE CREAM TRUCK DURING ANNUAL MUNCHKIN MASQUERADE

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adjourn the Council meeting at 3:20pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Megan Shea, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor