

CITY OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday September 14, 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; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; City Clerk, Megan Shea; and City Attorney, Brad Sears.

MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 24, 2021

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting on August 24, 2021 and adopt them as presented.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

APPOINTMENT- DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 4 YEAR TERM

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins to re-appoint Casey Smith.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REQUEST FROM FARMER STREET CEMETERY COMMISSION TO HOST PUBLIC INFORMATION GATHERING- OCTOBER 21ST

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

REPORT FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Councilman DuBose who also serves as Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, presented the report. The authority is comprised of citizens who all have a relationship to the downtown area. Councilman DuBose gave an overview of what was done in 2020 in response to COVID such as suspending sanitation billing, delayed occupational tax certificate renewal and the ability to serve to-go alcoholic beverages. This was all to help the businesses. Curbside parking was also increased and a temporary

ordinance allowed for the extension of outdoor dining into parking spaces and alleyways. There were also several virtual programs and events.

For 2021, goals were to expand business and commercial spaces, to add outdoor activity spaces and identify collaborative projects with the LINC and Bike Coweta. Councilman DuBose thanked Abigail Strickland, Main Street Manager and Jesse Branch, Special Events Coordinator for all their help.

PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK 2021

This is an annual event and there were two members of the Daughters of the American Revolution present. Mayor Brady commented that he does a lot of proclamations every year and this is the only one that is read before Council since it is the constitution and the framework of our country.

Mayor Brady then read the proclamation and presented it to the members of the DAR.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION NAMING THE PAVILION AT LYNCH PARK FOR CARRIE MAE WILLIAMS PRITCHETT

Mayor Brady asked Council to consider naming the pavilion at Lynch Park after Carrie Mae Williams Pritchett. He explained that she was instrumental in developing programs for the youth through United We Stand for Positive Results. Clarence Bohannon was also involved with this and attended the meeting. Mayor Brady stated that Carrie Mae's son Willie Pritchett was also very involved with the programs. They would feed children in the neighborhood, provide back to school supplies etc. and this pavilion was where this all would take place. He also mentioned Larry Reid who was involved as well.

Mayor Brady explained that he thinks it's important to recognize Carrie Mae and United We Stand for Positive Results. He stated that he would like a plaque put up at the pavilion, possibly at an event in the fall.

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

PINNING/PROMOTION- CAPTAINS AND LIEUTENANTS

Chief Blankenship explained that after he took over as Police Chief the vision has been to progress forward and structure the department for that. There have been several promotions that will help with that vision.

Lt. Bradley Thompson has been chosen to lead the new Uniformed Division as Captain. He has been in law enforcement for 24 years and has been with the NPD for 21 years. During his tenure he has worked in the patrol unit becoming an FTO and Corporal. He

was promoted to Sargent in the patrol unit then Lieutenant. Lt. Thompson's wife Vicky was there to pin his new badge as Captain.

Chief Blankenship explained that a new division has been developed, the Community Relations Division. This includes community resource unit, bike patrol unit, SRO's and Animal wardens. Lt. Jody Stanford has been chosen to lead this division as Captain. He has been with the City of Newnan since 1993, starting in Public Works then transferred to Animal Control in 2002. In 2004 he began his career as a Newnan police officer. Lt. Stanford's wife Christy was there to pin his new badge as Captain.

With the new Captain promotions that left Lieutenant positions open. Chief Blankenship announced the promotions of Van Meadows and Ronald Benjamin to Lieutenant and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE – TACO CRISS BAKERY

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine License for Taco Criss Bakery, 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 DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE – KELJOE, LLC DBA WESTSIDE FISH FRY

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine License for KelJoe, LLC dba Westside Fish Fry, 89 Temple Ave, Ste A.

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 Koritko to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE – TAQUERIA OASIS BAR AND GRILL

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License for Taqueria Oasis Bar and Grill, 11 Spence Ave.

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 Shell, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the application for a Retail On Premise (Pouring) Sales Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE – AMBAJI 369, LLC DBA MARATHON FOOD MART

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the application for a Retail On Premise (Package) Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine License for Ambaji 369, LLC dba Marathon Food Mart, 1010 Hwy 34 East, Suite 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 (Package) Sales Malt Beverages and Wine License.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

AUDIT FIRM TO PRESENT THE COMPLETED 2020 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINAICIAL REPORT (CAFR) AND OVERVIEW

Mr. Kenneth Neil, CPA with Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC presented the report. Each year the City's Finance office applies to GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) for a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. He explained that the financial statements are the responsibility of management and the auditors are responsible for an opinion based on the results of the audit on those statements. Financial highlights include the general fund with assets totaling \$33,796,485 as of the end of December, Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows were \$1,060,208 and a Fund Balance totaling \$32,736,277. This represents 13 months' worth of operating expenses. The City well surpasses the benchmark set by GFOA and that speaks to the strong financial condition of the City of Newnan.

Growth in the fund balance over the past 8 years shows some significant gains. Almost 50% of the general fund revenues come from property and sales tax. The other half is made up of intergovernmental, license and permits etc. Expenditures look as is expected with public safety and public works as the two biggest categories.

There were no audit findings, a clean audit again. The report has been submitted to the state's audit department and waiting on final approval.

PROPOSED FY2022 NEWNAN CENTRE BUDGET

Councilman Koritko asked what percentage of the hotel/motel tax gets transferred to the Newnan Centre. Ms. Carol Moore stated 40%. City Manager explained that when there were 5 pennies, 3 pennies were transferred to the general fund and 2 to the Newnan Centre. Now we have 8 pennies, they still get 2 pennies so it's still the same percentage even though the total amount is not the same.

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

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

COMMENT

Councilman Alexander wanted to mention that the Newnan Kiwanis Fair started and runs through the 26th. All money raised from the fair is given back to organizations to help children.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Koritko to adjourn the Council meeting at 3:00pm.

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Megan Shea, City Clerk

Keith Brady, Mayor