

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newnan, Georgia was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 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, Paul Guillaume; Dustin Koritko; Rhodes Shell; George Alexander and Cynthia E. Jenkins. Also present: City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Della Hill; Public Works Director, Michael Klahr; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver; City Attorney, Brad Sears and Police Chief, Douglas "Buster" Meadows.

**MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Alexander to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting for September 10, 2019 and adopt them as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**NEWNAN YOUTH COUNCIL**

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| Davis Fabre     | Junior | Newnan      |
| Beau Martin     | Junior | Heritage    |
| Bethany Furbush | Senior | East Coweta |
| Graham Cullen   | Junior | East Coweta |
| Callie DuBose   | Senior | Northgate   |

**APPOINTMENTS - CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to appoint Makisha Strickland to replace Martha Ann Parks on the Cultural Arts Commission for a three-year term.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

Mayor Brady asked the City Manager to place Councilman Koritko's appointment on the agenda for the next meeting.

**APPOINTMENT – KEEP NEWNAN BEAUTIFUL**

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Alexander to appoint Matt Bryan replacing Angel Cochran to the Keep Newnan Beautiful Commission for a three year term.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**KEEP NEWNAN BEAUTIFUL – ANNUAL REPORT**

Mr. Scott Berta, Chairman, presented a report from Keep Newnan Beautiful. They are a nonprofit organization that involves the community with their projects. There are 217 volunteers. Recycling is a big part of our organization. Some of the recycling projects for this year are paper shredding, paint, and electronic. The Commission works with elementary and high school students on projects. One special event downtown this year involved students making recycle flowers. A litter problem facing Newnan is cigarette butts on the streets. He thanked the City for their support.

**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE – AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCES ADOPTING REVISIONS TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, BUSINESSES**

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on the Ordinance to amend Revisions to Article 1, Chapter 6 Business.

Parks Avery, business owner, indicated he had a discussion with the Finance Director about occupational taxes for business owners some pay and some don't. He would like for staff to look at: enforcement (Finance does not have staff available), and businesses paying flat fee instead of percentage of revenues. There is more work that needs to be done before this is adopted.

City Manager stated Professional Services pay a flat fee based on guidelines by State law. There is an occupational tax for businesses that pay certain percentage based on gross receipts (total revenue of business for period). Enforcement - the Finance Department reaches out to businesses that do not have licenses.

The City Attorney stated business licenses are no longer issued. Each person engaged in any business, trade, profession or occupation within the city shall pay an occupation tax each calendar year. A fee of \$400 per practitioner who qualify under the state's guidelines and framework shall not be required to provide the gross receipts of the business. An occupation tax shall be levied on the gross receipts of the business in combination with the ratio for the type of business profession or occupation as measured by classifications or other information published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, and the United States Internal Revenue Services.

The Finance Director stated an Administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be required on all business occupation tax accounts for the initial startup, renewal or re-opening of those accounts.

Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

Councilman Shell still has some questions and would like to continue the issue before a decision is made.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Alexander to continue the Ordinance to amend the code of Ordinances adopting revisions to Article 1, Chapter 6 Businesses. Shell and Alexander withdrew their motion and seconded.

The City Attorney advised Council the public hearing should be reopened to continue the public hearing so we do not have to advertise this again.

Mayor Brady reopened the public hearing on the Ordinance to amend the code of ordinances adopting the revisions to Article 1, Chapter 6 Business.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Alexander to continue the public hearing on the Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances adopting revisions to Article 1, Chapter 6, Business until the October 22, 2019 meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**ORDINANCE – AMEND 2019 BUDGET – CHRISTMAS COMMISSION**

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to adopt an ordinance to amend the 2019 Budget for the Christmas Commission to include new decorations, bows, sleigh repairs, replacing ornaments and decoration of City parks and building and downtown tree lighting.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 - 0)**

**ORDINANCES – REGARDING REGULATION OF SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES – PERMITTING UTILITY WITHIN THE CITY OWNED RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to adopt an Ordinance amending the Code of City of Newnan, Georgia at Chapter 18, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, by enacting a new Article IX. Georgia Streaming Wireless Facilities and Antennas Act.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Shell to adopt an Ordinance to amend Chapter 18 of the Official Code of The City of Newnan, Georgia "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places", in order to adopt updated regulations to administer and regulate the placement of utilities in the public right of way in the public interest as set out in Article III, Poles and Wires.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**DIRECTION – UPDATE TO THE WWI PLAQUE AT VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PLAZA**

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to direct Staff to move forward with the updates to the WWI Plaque at the Veteran’s Memorial Plaza in the amount of \$4,124.84.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM GRANT (GOSP) TO ASSIST IN THE FUNDING OF THE NEWNAN LINC DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to adopt the Resolution authorizing application for Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant (GOSP) to assist in the funding of the Newnan LINC Downtown Connector.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**RESOLUTION – COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF LINC – APPLICATION FOR A GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM GRANT (GOSP)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman DuBose to adopt a Resolution for commitment to support the Long-Term maintenance of the LINC for application for a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant (GOSP).

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**INFORMATION ONLY – REZONING REQUEST – WP SOUTH ACQUISITIONS LLC – 22.485+ ACRES – CORNER OF BULLSBORO DRIVE AND ASHLEY PARK DRIVE FROM CGN (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO RMH (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING-HIGHER DENSITY DISTRICT) – PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mayor Brady recused himself and turned this item over to Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins because an agent in his business is involved in the transaction.

**APPLICATION - DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATED TO  
THE CITY'S 2020 CDBG APPLICATION**

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to award the contract for the development and administrative services to Gilbert and Associates, Inc. for the City's 2020 CDBG application.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**SUBSTANDARD HOUSING EXTENSION REQUEST – 6 GLENN STREET**

The Code Enforcement Officer Informed Council the property has been sold. The new owners have made some progress. Plans for repairs have been received. He is recommending an extension of sixty days.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to approve an extension for sixty (60) days for the structure located at 6 Glenn Street.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION – 8 GLENN STREET**

Mayor Brady opened a public hearing on 8 Glenn Street.

The Code Enforcement Officer stated this is the same owner as 6 Glenn Street. Permits have been pulled. They are making progress on the repairs. The owner is requesting an extension.

Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve an extension of sixty (60) days for the structure located at 8 Glenn Street to complete the repairs.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**SUBSTANDARD HOUSING – EXTENSION REQUEST – 280 W. WASHINGTON**

The Code Enforcement Officer indicated the first unit was complete. The owner needs more time to complete the second unit.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Alexander to approve the request for an extension of one hundred eighty (180) days for structure located at 280 West Washington Street.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**REQUEST – PARKS OF OLMSTEAD – PLACE YARD SALE BANNERS AT TWO MAIN ENTRANCES – ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE EVENT**

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Guillaume to approve the request by Parks of Olmstead to place Yard Sale Banners at their two main entrances from Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> for their annual community yard sale event.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**REQUEST – NEWNAN JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE – HOLD 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAN-A-THON ON THE SQUARE**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request by Newnan Junior Service League to hold their 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Can-A-Thon, as in the past, on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7 am to 7 pm on the square.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**REQUEST – ERIC MARSTON FBC NEWNAN – SET UP TABLES WITH BANNERS IN TWO LOCATIONS DOWNTOWN TO OFFER FREE GIFT WRAPPING**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Koritko to approve the request by Eric Marston FBC Newnan to set up tables with banners in two locations downtown to offer free gift wrapping on Saturday November 30, 2019 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

**REQUEST – AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER – FOR A GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE SITE OF FARMER STREET CEMETERY – 92 FARMER STREET**

Mayor Brady turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins because Dr. Glover is the nephew of his wife.

Motion by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Shell to approve the request by African American Heritage Museum for a Ground Penetrating Radar survey to be conducted on the site of Farmer Street Cemetery at 92 Farmer Street with the assistance of Dr. Jeffery Glover, Archaeology Department at Georgia State University. City will cover the travel expenses for Dr. Glover. Staff was instructed to draft an agreement. Recuse: Brady.

**MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0 -1)**

**USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS FOR RANDOM PRODUCTIONS - HBO FILM PROJECT – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 – OCTOBER 4, 2019**

Mr. Bill Carraro, executive producer for Random Productions, presented a revised plan for filming. They have talked to merchants and residents in the areas that will be affected by the filming and agreements have been made. We have removed Broad Street from the plan due to the inconvenience. Over 17 merchants and tenants have signed agreements. We will make sure the flow of traffic continues. A donation of \$10,000 will be made to the Rotary Club. The Greenville Street neighbors and vendors on the block where they are filming have signed agreements. All school busses and emergency vehicles will be able to get through. The Police officers will have permission to open up traffic as needed. There will be a \$5,000 donation to the Boys and Girls Club and show and tell tours will be available for anyone interested.

Street closures for 155 Greenville Street between Nimmons Street and Spence Avenue. Full road closure: September 30, 2019 (9:00 am – 1:00 am)- October 1, 2019 (11:00 am – 7:00 pm) – October 2, 2019 (7:00 am – 3:00 am) – October 3, 2019 (5:00 pm – 7:00 am) – October 4, 2019 (5:00 pm – 7:00 am – October 5, 2019 (5:00 pm to 7:00 am) (Weather contingency date/cleanup day). Filming location; LaGrange Street between S. Court Square and Spring Street: Full road closure: October 1, 2-19 (6:00 pm to 2:00 am)

He is requesting parking spaces on LaGrange Street, September 27, 2019 – October 4, 2019 – use of 11 spaces on LaGrange Street: September 27, 2019 – October 4, 2019 use of 12 parking spaces on Spring Street; October 1, 2019 use of 38 spaces on LaGrange Street; October 1, 2019 use of 27 spaces on Spring Street: October 1, 2019 use of 6 spaces on West Broad Street; October 1, 2019 use of 16 spaces on E. Broad Street (by Train Depot); City Building Usage – Use of the Carnegie Library to use exterior only between September 27, 2019 to October 4, 2019.

Jeff Morgan, Morgan Jewelers, voiced his concerns with the downtown parking around the square with filming even if they are not filming in that area. It still affects the merchants around the square. Everyone should be taken care of.

Jason Kanner, Ace Beer Growlers, indicated children are important and was concerned with the amount for the Boys and Girls Club.

Motion by Councilman Shell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins to approve the revised request by Random Productions for an HBO film project to utilize public right of ways including road closures and parking spaces between September 30 and October 4, 2019. Recuse: Alexander, relationship with Random Productions.

**MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0 -1)**

Bill Carraro agreed kids are important and they will match the amount of the Rotary donation for the Boys and Girls Club for \$10,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Koritko, seconded by Councilman Shell to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:25 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED. (7 – 0)**

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Della Hill, City Clerk

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Keith Brady, Mayor