

MINUTES
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Downtown Development Authority Board held a regular scheduled meeting on December 11, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., at City Hall Conference Room. Roll call was as follows:

Chair, Jennifer Reeder	Present
Vice Chair, Jerilyn Bennett	Present
Jeff Chandler	Present
Rick Peel	Absent
Kim Rozier	Absent
Debi Smith	Present
Dawn Zmuda	Present
City Manager, Mike Deal	Present
Building Inspector, Don Herrin	Absent
DDA Director, Molly O’Hearon	Present

Debi Smith made motion seconded by Chairman Reeder to approve regular scheduled minutes dated November 6, 2018.

All board members present voted yes.

Discussion was held on the following old business:

- Alcohol Ordinance Changes – The City Council recently made changes to the Alcohol Ordinance to allow Sunday alcohol sales in both restaurants and package stores.
- DDA Christmas Activities – The Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Holly Jolly First Friday were both successful events and well attended. The recommendation was made to hold the entertainment prior to the lighting of the tree in the future.

Discussion was held on the following new business:

- Downtown Developments – Ralph Hickox has purchased property adjoining the Historic Strand with plans to open a bistro restaurant. The Dunkin Donuts project is moving along.
- Community Clean Up- The City of Jesup will host a clean-up event on Jan. 11th and 12th.
- Director O’Hearon stated CSX has agreed to amend the contract on the current parking lot on Broad Street to include the current staging area after it is relocated.
- Live Nativity was a huge success with over 1,600 attending. Altamaha Baptist Church thanked the DDA for their help and support.
- RSVP projects are moving along and Director O’Hearon stated she will be meeting with City engineer to discuss DOT permits for signage.
- Money from the sale of property was discussed and no decision was made.
- Debi Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to review a Sign Grant application, seconded by Vice-Chair Jerilyn Bennett. The board reviewed a sign grant from Ralph Hickox for the new Strand Bistro, the application was tabled pending a formal bid on the price of signage.

Next DDA meeting will be rescheduled to January 8, 2019 at Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned,

Molly O’Hearon
Director