

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia  
January 11, 2016  
6:00 pm**

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, with Mayor Masee presiding and with Council members Coney, Elrod, Griffin, Holt, Jefferson, Jones, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of December 14, 2015, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion. Council Person Holt made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Webb. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, Mayor Masee called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Minutes of December 28, 2015, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion. Council Person Williams made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Webb. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, Mayor Masee called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee recognized the visitors in attendance: Sherry Sue Davis, Clara Jones, Tommy Roberts, Ola Freeman, Ruthie Smith and Ken Williams. Mayor Masee welcomed all visitors present.

Special Committee Chairperson, Councilman Griffin, presented an alcohol license for beer only, off premises, at Flash Foods 603 N. Grant Street. The application is presented due to new ownership. This application has followed the proper channels. Councilman Griffin motioned to accept this application, seconded by Council Person Holt. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee invited council to review the administrative report. Mayor Masee called attention to the upcoming calendar items. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday events will begin Sunday, January 17 and conclude on Monday, January 18. Council will attend the annual GMA Mayor's Day conference and training beginning January 22. Hearing no questions for any departments, we moved to Standing Committee reports.

Reports of Standing Committees were given by their respective Chairperson.

Council Person Holt gave a brief update on the start of the 2016 Georgia General Assembly.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance #16-1478** to amend Chapter 18 "offenses and miscellaneous provisions" of the code of ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald for regulation of pawnshops and similar businesses. Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the full reading of the ordinance, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Holt motioned to approve **Ordinance 16-1478**, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a **Caption on Ordinance** to close to vehicular traffic that portion of an alley at 801-809 West Altamaha Street between city lot 12 and city lot 13 in square 1, block 5, in the City of Fitzgerald, Ga.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a **Caption on Ordinance** to close to vehicular traffic that portion of an alley at 120-124 Traylor Avenue between city lot 42 and city lot 43 in block G of Turner Heights subdivision addition in the City of Fitzgerald, Ga.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Resolution #R16-001** to adopt the 2016 Joint Ben Hill County and City of Fitzgerald Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Webb motioned to accept **Resolution #R16-001** seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented an **amendment** to **Resolution #R15-009** to the 2016 Joint Ben Hill County and City of Fitzgerald Comprehensive Plan. Council Person Holt motioned to accept as presented, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Under new business, Mayor Masee entertained a motion for a special election voting delegate at the GMA Mayor's Day Conference. Council Person Holt motioned to appoint Mr. Albert Webb, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion and with none being heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstain.** Mr. Albert Webb abstained from voting. Mayor Masee expressed his appreciation for Mr. Webb and his willingness to be our delegate.

Mayor Masee asked that we consider appointing Mary Helen Brown as the new resident commissioner for the Fitzgerald Housing Authority. Ms. Brown would replace Ms. Carletha Ford since Ms. Ford is no longer a resident. Council Person Coney motioned to accept Ms. Brown as the new resident commissioner, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

(SEAL)

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY CLERK**