

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia  
February 13, 2017  
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, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of January 9, 2017, **Regular Council** meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Williams. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Minutes of January 9, 2017, **Organizational** meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Williams. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Minutes of January 30, 2017, **Called Council** meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Holt made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee welcomed all visitors: Michael Melton, Brad King, Rawal Cheema, Tommy Roberts, Christine Graham and Martha Powers-Jones.

Mayor Masee called on Martha Powers-Jones and Christine Graham to come forward to speak. Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for supporting the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library. Mrs. Jones spoke on the many activities. There is a trial period for an ATM to be located in the library. The fees from this ATM will go to support the library. The library has added a Lit and Learn Literacy Station to serve ages 2 through 12 years. This was supported by "Friends of the Library". There will be an Anti-Valentine's Day poetry reading on Valentine's Day. Please come and support. Mrs. Jones reminded everyone of the 3D printer capabilities and your first design object is free. Mrs. Jones mentioned one-on-one tutorials available for everyone. She encourages everyone to get a library card and come see what all there is for you.

Christine Graham, Family Connection Director, gave an overview of the annual plan and stated that Family Connections is on track budget wise. The service provided has been able to assist ten (10) families and connect to other resources for added assistance. Mrs. Graham is working with local agencies to connect and use resources here to maximum potential. Through a Family Connection Grant, the agency was able to have an inspirational speaker and have 212 in attendance. Of the three (3) meetings held, participation has been from 18 up to 40. Mrs. Graham stressed that collaboration and participation is vital and thanked Kathy Young, Cam

Jordan, Neesa Williams, and Mayor Massee for participating in the community led collaborative. The next couple of events will be a budget and savings class the end of March with First Salem Baptist Church and Wells Fargo participating and then May 11, at 5:00pm is the next quarterly meeting.

Mayor Massee thanked Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Graham for their leadership and the partnership they have forged to further engage the community.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mayor Massee invited everyone to review the Administrative Report and review the calendar items. With no questions regarding the administrative report, moved into reports of standing committees.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

Under reports of Special Committees, Mayor Massee called on Council Person Elrod. Mrs. Elrod presented an alcohol license for Lil' Pantry #9 for wine only sales off premises. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Elrod made a motion to accept this license application, seconded by Council Person Holt. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mrs. Elrod presented an alcohol license for El Patron Mexican Restaurant for beer only on premises. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Elrod made a motion to accept this license application, seconded by Council Person Holt. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mrs. Elrod presented an alcohol license for Save A Ton for beer and wine off premises due to new ownership. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Elrod made a motion to accept this license application, seconded by Council Person Coney. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mrs. Elrod presented an alcohol license for The Dog House. This application is for beer and wine on premises as this is a new business. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Elrod made a motion to accept this license application, seconded by Council Person Coney. Council Person Williams inquired on the address of the new business. Mrs. Elrod stated that this location is at 262 Ocilla Highway in the same shopping center as Fat Daddy's. With no further discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under new business, Mayor Massee asked for consideration to reappoint Mary Helen Brown as resident commissioner of the FHA. Mayor Massee noted that this is a yearly appointment for the housing authority board. Council Person Coney motioned to accept the reappointment of Mary Helen Brown, seconded by Council Person Holt. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee asked for consideration to reappoint himself to the Ben Hill Irwin Joint Development Authority to represent our City. Council Person Coney motioned to accept the reappointment of Mayor Mark Massee, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Massee

asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked for consideration to reappoint Melissa Burgess to the Downtown Development Authority. Council Person Elrod motioned to accept the reappointment of Melissa Burgess to the DDA, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked for consideration to reappoint Brandy Elrod, Beth McIntyre and Leah Yarborough to the Historic Preservation Commission. Council Person Williams motioned to accept the reappointment of Brandy Elrod, Beth McIntyre, and Leah Yargborough, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Approved. Brandy Elrod abstained.**

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

**APPROVED:**

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**MAYOR**

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

**CITY CLERK**