

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
January 9, 2017
6:00 pm**

A Public Hearings took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, January 9, 2017.

A Public Hearing was held to present application 0110 by Darrell Martin to request an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. The request is for property at 402 North Sherman Street to be rezoned from G-B City to P City. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Massee asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to present application 0112 by Bobby McLemore to request an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. This request is for property at 106 B Van Demon Drive to be annexed and rezoned from R-9 County to R-9 City. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Massee asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, immediately following the public hearing, with Mayor Massee presiding and with Council members Coney, Elrod, Griffin, Jefferson, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of December 12, 2016, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Massee 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 Massee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee welcomed all visitors: Michael Melton, Brad King, Rawal Cheema, Altaf Cheema, and Tommy Roberts.

A communication was read from the family of Mrs. Alberta Thrower Coney. Mayor Massee reflected upon the lives and community influenced by Mrs. Coney. Mayor Massee noted that we will continue to remember Council Person Coney and family in our thoughts and prayers.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mayor Massee invited everyone to review the Administrative Report. Mayor Massee invited everyone to review the upcoming calendar events. Martin Luther King, Jr., activities begin this weekend and the official observance will be on Monday, January 16.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance #17-1490**, an amendment to rezone 402 North Sherman Street from G-B City to P City. Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Massee asked if there was any

discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Ordinance #17-1490** seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented an **Ordinance #17-1492** to annex and rezone 106 B Van Demon Drive from R-9 County to R-9 City. Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve, with noted Van Demon spelling, **Ordinance #17-1492** seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented an **Ordinance #17-1493** to close an alley at 106 Van Demon Drive. Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Webb motioned to approve **Ordinance #17-1493**, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under unfinished business, Mayor Masee mentioned consideration of an application for a special exception as it applies to 227 E Central Avenue. This application is being requested to operate a service station and convenience store in the location in conflict with City Ordinances governing the same. Mayor Masee noted that Council has reviewed the ordinances and a narrative provided by Community Development office and legal counsel. Mayor Masee opened the floor for a motion in regards to the special exception. Council Person Williams made a motion not to grant the special exception per Code of Ordinances as it does not qualify for a special exception. The motion was seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No. Motion approved.** Council Person Jefferson voting no.

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

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK

