

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia  
August 12, 2019  
6:00 pm**

A public hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, July 22, 2019.

A Public Hearing was held to announce the beginning of an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include a Broadband Element for Ben Hill county and the City of Fitzgerald. The purpose is to brief the community on the process used to develop the Comprehensive Plan amendment and announce opportunities for public participation in the development of the Broadband Element and obtain input on the proposed planning process.

Elizabeth Backe, planning director for the South Georgia Regional Commission, spoke. Mrs. Backe noted the amendment will be quicker than the 5-year plan process. There will be another public hearing to hear the plan for additional comments.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting immediately following the public hearings with Mayor Puckett presiding and with Council members Griffin, Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Jones, Roberts, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of July 22, 2019, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval. Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Councilman Roberts. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Puckett 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.**

**Hearing from visitors:**

Christine Graham, Executive Director of Family Connection, spoke briefly regarding recent accomplishments, FY 2020 plans and much needed participation from the public. Mayor Puckett thanked Ms. Graham for her service and dedication.

A communication was read from Mark Masee and The Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Humane Society.

Reports of city officers were given. Mayor Puckett called attention to the Police Report. He asked that we continue to keep our officer, Chad Bishop, in our thoughts and prayers. Officer Bishop did receive good news on his latest report. The Calendar items were noted with many good things going on.

Reports of standing committees were given by the chairperson.

Reports of Special committees: The item on the agenda was struck at the beginning of the meeting due to a clerical issue.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, Presented the following Ordinances and Resolutions:

**Ordinance Caption** to levy a tax to meet the ordinary and extraordinary expenses of the City of Fitzgerald.

**Ordinance Caption** to Chapter 20 "Planning and Development" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, specifically section Article II "Historic Preservation District"

**Ordinance 19-1533:** An Ordinance to amend the COF zoning district map with respect to 5 acres, more or less, in five-acre tract, 961in land lot number 300, in the fourth land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 410 E. Sultana Drive, Fitzgerald, GA 31750, in the City of Fitzgerald, ben Hill County, Georgia; to rezone said property from R-6-MC(City) to G-B(city)

- Motion to dispense with full reading Councilman Roberts
- Seconded by Councilman Griffin
- Councilman J. Johnson objected to the motion to dispense, but since motion was made, must have vote. Mayor Puckett called for **Roll Call Vote: 1 Yes, 7 No. Motion to dispense with full reading denied. Council Person Griffin voted yes to dispense with full reading.**

Counselor, Kyle Cook, picked up reading from the end of the caption portion of the Ordinance. Upon completion of reading, Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, called for **Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes, 4 No. With the tie vote, Mayor Puckett casted the deciding vote with a vote of Yes. Final Vote: 5 yes, 4 No. Motion approved.**

Voting Yes: Griffin, Jones, Roberts, and Williams.

Voting No: Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, and Webb.

**Resolution R19-014:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, authorizing the creation of the 2020 City of Fitzgerald Local Complete County Committee.

Motion to dispense with full reading, Councilman Roberts.

Seconded by Councilman J. Johnson.

With no discussion, Mayor Puckett called for **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Resolution R19-014.**

Motion to accept Councilman Jefferson, seconded by Council Person Roberts.

With no discussion, Mayor Puckett called for **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under new business, Mayor Puckett requested council's approval to execute the contract for the Fitzgerald Airport FY 2020 Design project. Motion to accept made by Councilman Griffin, seconded by Councilman J. Johnson. With no discussion, Mayor Puckett called for **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett presented a proclamation to the Family of the Rev. Herbert L. Jones, Sr. for his constant commitment to improve the lives of the people he served and his beloved community

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



Christine Edwards  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED: [Signature]  
MAYOR