

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia  
December 12, 2022  
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 Holt presiding and with Council members Brown, Clemons, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts, and Webb being present.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone in attendance and mentioned our recognition of employees and the recognition of a special group of young ladies.

Minutes of November 28, 2022, Regular Council meeting and public hearings were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval.

**Motion:** Webb

**Second:** Roberts

No discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt called the 10 and under girls up front to recognize them for being the first ever State Champion Soccer Team for our DLS department. Harvey Taylor gave a brief report on how they made it to the State finals. Keith Morris, DLS director, and the coaches made brief statements on a great group of talented young ladies.

Mayor Holt recognized the 13 employees for years of service awards.

Mayor Holt also congratulated our FHSCCA State runner-up football team and a great season they had.

Mayor Holt called attention to the administrative report and asked that everyone please review. He did mention that there are many Grants we have received and also applied for. Taxes are steadily coming in. One note of interest is that the City Offices will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26.

David Walker mentioned looking on the City's Facebook page and the paper for the trash pick-up schedule.

We moved onto reports from standing committees. Kathy Young gave a brief update on the financial report and we are the best we've been in a while.

Dennis Jefferson presented an alcohol license for beer and wine at Restaurante El Nopal for Deysi Garay located at 109 Ocilla Highway, Fitzgerald. This application has been through the proper channels of the sheriff and police departments, zoning and administration.

**Motion** to accept: D. Jefferson

**Second:** Webb

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.**

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

**Ordinance 22-1583:** An Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to 0.14 acre, more or less, in land lot number 302 in the fourth land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 135 Benjamin H Hill Drive West, Fitzgerald, GA 31750 and the right of way adjacent thereto: to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia: to rezone said property from G-B (County) to G-B (City).

**Motion to dispense with full reading:** Roberts

**Second:** Webb

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt mentioned that this is the 30ft parcel between Fitzgerald Ford and the new Mavis Tire business.

**Motion to approve:** Webb

**Second:** Roberts

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

**Ordinance 22-1586:** An Ordinance to amend Article 1 "In General" of Chapter 18, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia to provide for Prohibition of the sale of tobacco products to minors and for enforcement and penalties related to the same.

**Motion to dispense with full reading:** Roberts

**Second:** Webb

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Mayor Holt said that the age went from 18 to 21 on tobacco and this can now be a municipal offense and handled in our municipal court.

**Motion to approve:** Webb

**Second:** Roberts

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

**Ordinance 22-1587:** An Ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley running in an East-West direction and lying and being adjacent North of Block 5 of Kimball's addition to the city of Fitzgerald, Georgia.

**Motion to dispense with full reading:** Roberts

**Second:** Webb

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Mayor Holt mentioned that we closed one alley here, now we are closing the East & West parts.

**Motion to approve:** Webb

**Second:** Brown

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

**Resolution R22-014:** A Resolution to authorize the sale and exchange of control of certain real property being tract containing 1.48 acres, located in land lot 301 in the fourth land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, to Ben Hill County, Georgia.

**Motion to dispense with full reading:** Roberts

**Second:** Webb

**Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Mayor Holt mentioned this is the property to which we closed the alleys and the general government building committee approved the sale.

**Motion to approve:** S. Jefferson  
**Second:** K. Johnson  
**Roll Call Vote:** 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved

**Resolution R22-015:** A Resolution to accept and adopt the budget to account for revenues as well as current and extraordinary expenses of the city of Fitzgerald, Georgia, for the fiscal year 2023, and other purposes.

**Motion to dispense with full reading:** Roberts

**Second:** Webb

**Roll Call Vote:** 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved

Mayor Holt mentioned this is the 2023 budget that has been reviewed. A few highlights are that there is a 1.4% decrease from last year and that still includes a 2% COLA and the same contribution to insurance. Please note that the budget is 66.74% salary and benefits for our employees and the state budget is very similar. Thank you to Christina Justice, Kathy Young and the finance team for doing a great job on the budget.

The first 5-6 sections we have been through in committees. Please refer to the Special Revenue Funds. These have been seen and approved by independent boards. MEP is Grant based. LMIG is local monies from DOT.

Industrial Development and Promotion receives 1 mill and the general fund receives 11 mills, making a total of 12 mills. For the fiscal year 2023, all the millage will go into the general fund as per our auditor's request.

**Motion to approve:** Peavey

**Second:** Brown

**Roll Call Vote:** 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved

Under new business, Keith Morris mentioned that the new lights are installed and working well at Lion's Park.

Mayor Holt asked if there was anything further and with none, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a great holiday season.

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



ATTEST:

*Christina Evans*

**CITY CLERK**

APPROVED:

*Jose S. Kelly*

**MAYOR**