

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
July 25, 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 Pro Tem Johnson presiding and with Council members Brown, Clemons, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, K. Johnson, Roberts and Webb being present.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson welcomed everyone in attendance.

Minutes of June 13, 2022, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: Webb

Second: Roberts

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked that everyone remember Barry Peavey as he recovers and Mayor Holt who is under the weather.

Mayor Pro Tem called attention to the administrative report and with no questions moved to standing committees.

Reports from standing committees were given by the respective chair person.

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

Ordinance 22-1576: *An Ordinance to amend Article 11, "Buildings" of Chapter 6, "Buildings and Building Regulations" of the code of ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia.*

Motion to Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Brown

Mayor Pro Tem called for a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked if there were any discussion and with none called for approval of 22-1576.

Motion to approve: Roberts

Second: Brown

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.

Ordinance Caption: An Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to 2.00 acres, more or less, located in land lot 92 in the Third land District of Ben Hill "county, Georgia, more specifically located at the intersection of the North Margin of the right of way of GA HWY 107 and the West Margin of the right of way of Franklin Avenue, in the City of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia; to rezone said property from R15 (city) to GB (City).

Resolution R22-009: A *Resolution* to authorize the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, to execute an agreement governing expenditures for state and local government costs with the state of Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection division.

Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Webb

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked Cam to explain. Cam stated that this is a yearly process. The EPD Trust Fund receives monies from hazardous waste violations. This money is then used to reimburse money we've spent if applied for. The money we applied for was \$83,000 for the new test wells and lead testing. We have to pass the resolution as a requirement for receiving the funds.

Mayor Pro Tem called for **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Kevin Johnson mentioned he's been approached regarding Sunday alcohol sales.

Kevin Johnson made a motion to discuss Sunday alcohol sales at the next meeting.

Seconded by Albert Webb.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.

Kevin Johnson asked about the status of the African Art Museum. Cam Jordan stated there is a signing of an agreement to be done with the Rochfort's. The City of Fitzgerald will still own the building.

Kevin Johnson inquired about the chicken. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson said that the area had been cleaned up. There is discussion the VSU arts department to come up with a plan of action for the chicken.

Tommy Roberts asked about the splash pad. We do have materials but need a suitable location.

City Administrator Kathy Young spoke on the chicken. There is a committee being established of Mayor, some council, Kathy Young, citizens and business members to review any plans.

City Administrator Kathy Young spoke on the splash pad. We re looking for a location that is suitable for electricity and free of other utility issues. There is a pool company to help install but it will be another 4-6 weeks.

Albert Webb spoke in regards to the speed limit on Monitor Drive. If they go over 30 mph give them a ticket. Major James Reynolds said since July 4, several tickets have been written.

Tommy Roberts asked about speed bumps and was told there is an application process and a committee for review on this.

Jimmy Johnson then replied that we have received complaints regarding the police crackdown. Mr. Webb brought up the 4 wheelers and golf carts on the street like they are legal.

Albert Webb mentioned several stops signs were leaning and the CC Hall sign was leaning as well.

Kevin Johnson said he spoke to Dennis Jefferson and Kathy Young regarding the Kimball Street building. The Kimball Street side was open and it had been witnessed people going in and out. There is some conversation with the City and County to help on this building.

Albert Webb mentioned that on Sunday there is a house on Monitor Drive with lots of speakers in the yard and did this violate any ordinances. This is on private property. There is a noise ordinance per Kathy Young. There are a couple of local issues regarding speakers and loud noise. Remember to mark your calendar for the Saturday, October 15 retreat. Mrs. Suzette is coming back to work with us.

We did receive the second ARPA check for \$1.6 million dollars. Some of these monies have already been obligated. There is some money remaining so please make a note of projects that you would want and pass them along to Mayor Holt before the next council meeting on August 8.

Sheila Jefferson mentioned the building behind the Monitor Center and was advised this building belongs to the Housing Authority.

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



Cristina Evans

CITY CLERK

APPROVED: *Jana Steel*

MAYOR