

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
June 13, 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 Clemons, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Roberts and Webb being present.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Holt mentioned that Councilman Brown was out at a meeting and Councilman Peavey was under the weather.

Minutes of May 9, 2022, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: Roberts

No discussion.

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

Mayor Holt called on Gregory Mahone to come and speak. Mr. Mahone spoke of a block party that happened last year and hear that it is to happen again. His concern was safety for the neighborhood. Last year, the crowd got out of hand with no sanitation areas. There was unsafe discharge of guns and fireworks. He requested that there be a designated area if they want to hold this event again. He understands there is advertisement for this to be held again and wanted the City to be aware of the event.

Mayor Holt called on Mrs. Margaret Chasteen and Judge Bobby Chasteen. Mrs. Chasteen thanked the Mayor and Council for this time. She came to present a portrait of her father, J. Carlyle McDonald known as "The Colonel". The late Mr. McDonald served as Mayor of Fitzgerald from 1951-1953. He was a large influence on her husband and her brother, the late Ben Mills, in going to law school. Mrs. Chasteen spoke of the many accomplishments her father had on the family and community.

Mayor Holt noted that this has kicked off a treasure hunt to find pictures of other former mayors of Fitzgerald. Mayor Holt noted that the late Gerald Thompson was the 19th mayor of the city and longest serving of the city.

A communication was read from Mrs. Kathy Young.

A communication was read from the NAACP Fitzgerald District, the Ben Hill County/Fitzgerald Civic League and Fitzgerald for Change.

In the administrative report, Mayor Holt mentioned that we are in the summer months which is our slow time of the year with revenues. We will begin the 2023 budget process with all the departments. City Hall has had some personnel changes with some moving positions but will not hire a receptionist at this time. All star season was a great success. In the police report, please remember Eric Webb's 5 year old daughter with leukemia. There is a raffle going on currently and

a golf tournament to be held soon to help fundraise for the family. The palm trees at “snacks by the tracks” were removed and the trees on Merrimac drive were taken down last week. DCA approved the amendment to the CDBG grant. Kevin Johnson spoke regarding the upcoming Juneteenth celebration June 17-19. Mayor Holt mentioned that this year the July 4th events will be at Paulk Park with our normal activities to be held.

We moved onto reports from standing committees.

There was one alcohol license to be addressed. Beer only off premises located at 514 E Roanoke Drive. This is for the Quick Express/Cheema LLC. This application has been through the proper channels of sheriff and police departments, zoning and administration.

Motion to accept this application: Jefferson

Second: Roberts

No discussion.

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

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented the following Ordinance Caption:

On Ordinance Caption: An Ordinance to amend Article II, “Buildings” of Chapter 4, “Buildings and Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Mayor Holt mentioned that this will be for the building permits so we can adopt and change the fees according the state level zone with out having to get approval at every change.

Under new business:

Mayor Holt asked for consideration in re-appointing John Luckie to the DLS board for another term. Kevin Johnson asked how long the term was and the term length is 4 years.

Motion: Roberts

Second: J. Johnson

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes. 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt asked for consideration of re-appointing Mary H. Brown to the housing authority board for one year as a resident commissioner.

Motion: Webb

Second: J. Johnson

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes. 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt asked for consideration to award the CDBG contract to Artesian Contracting. Mayor Holt noted that they worked hard to help us get to the point we were in line with the funds available with the work ordered.

Motion: Webb

Second: Roberts

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes. 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Jimmy Johnson mentioned the skate park. They had a big event and he went to visit and there was a good crowd in attendance. He also spoke on how the area looked good with what work had been done.

Kevin Johnson asked for the Parks 2017 SPLOST projects.

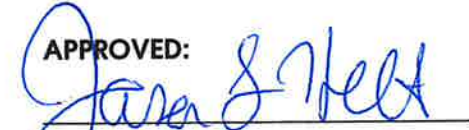
City Clerk, Cristina Evans, mentioned that the GMA packets will be ready the beginning of next week for the upcoming GMA Convention.

Mayor Holt thanked everyone again for being here tonight. He also reminded everyone in attendance that the July 11 council meeting will not be held but the July 25 meeting will take its place.

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



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APPROVED:

MAYOR