

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
November 28th, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

A Public Hearing was held to receive citizens input for application number 0144 by Jerry Harper for an amendment of the zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. With there being no one present to address or speak; the Public Hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to receive citizen input for application number 0142 by Irwin County Motors, Inc. for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. With there being no one present to address or speak; the Public Hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to receive citizen input for an application to close an alley way to all traffic and the subsequent sale of the same to Ben Hill County. With there being no one present to address or speak; the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council met on Monday, November 28th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chamber, located at 302 East Central Avenue, with Mayor Jason L. Holt presiding and with Council members Brown, Clemons, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Roberts and Webb being present.

Minutes of previous meeting, November 14, 2022, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval. Council member Webb made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Council member Roberts. With there being no additions or corrections, Mayor Holt called for a ***Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.***

Mayor Holt welcomed all guests and stated that **Sue Rochfort** had requested to speak. Ms. Rochfort came to the podium and shared a packet of information on museum facts and data. This information promotes museums and backs up what impact museums can have on a community.

A communication was shared from the family of James Brooks.

No reports of standing committees or city officers was given as this was the second meeting. Council Person Jimmy Johnson did thank the Police department for the work they did on the break ins in the Deerwood subdivision and areas surrounding it. Chief Smallwood mentioned that once again, the FLOCK camera system did a great job in assisting with the stolen vehicle.

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

Ordinance 22-1582: An Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to 4.87 acres, more or less, in land lot number 303, in the fourth land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located adjacent to 330 Ocilla Highway, Fitzgerald, GA 31750: to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia; To rezone said property from G-F (county) to G- B (city).

Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: J. Johnson

Roll Call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in Favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt mentioned that this is the Turkey Creek Property and called for a vote:

Motion to approve 22-1582: Council Person Webb; Second, Roberts.

Roll Call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in Favor, motion approved.

Ordinance 22-1583 was not presented or action taken on this as to allow zoning to have more time to discuss.

Ordinance 22-1584: An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the city of Fitzgerald, Georgia, approving and authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement between Ben Hill County, Georgia and the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, concerning a county one percent (1.00%) Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for funding of Capital outlay projects within Ben Hill County, Georgia, and the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, to be imposed for twenty -four (24) quarters, beginning on July 1, 2023, as authorized by part 1 of Article3 of Georgia annotated; determining the uses of the proceeds from said SPLOST: and for other purposes.

Motion to Dispense with full reading: Webb; Second: Roberts

Roll Call vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt called for a vote:

Motion to approved 22-1584, J. Johnson; Second, Roberts.

Roll Call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Ordinance 22-1585: An Ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley lying and being between lots 36 and 37 in Block 5 of Kimball's addition to the City of Fitzgerald Georgia.

Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts; second Brown.

Roll call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt called for a vote:

Motion to approve 22-1585, Webb; second J. Johnson.

Roll call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Ordinance Caption: 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.

Ordinance Caption: An Ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley running in and East-West direction and lying and being adjacent North of block 5 of Kimball's addition to the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Resolution R22-012: A Resolution to authorize and direct an officer of the City to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA direct leasing program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide for an effective date: and for other purposes.

Motion to dispense with full reading: J. Johnson; second, Webb.

Roll Call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt mentioned that this was for our new fire truck.

Mayor Holt called for a vote:

Motion to approve R22-012 Webb; second, J. Johnson.

Roll Call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Resolution R22-013: A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, amending the existing City of Fitzgerald budget.

Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts; second, J. Johnson.

Roll Call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt mentioned that this was ARPA funds.

Mayor Holt called for a vote:

Motion to approve R22-013 Roberts; second, Brown.

Roll Call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Under new business: the City Logo was presented at the last meeting and the two final options for the logo are up for vote tonight. Options were B or D (see attached). Discussion regarding the two options: B, once digitized the "rays" may be too busy for the circle emblem. The consensus is to go with option D with out the bold circle emblem.

Motion to approved logo option D: Roberts; second, Clemons.

This is the logo only not the City Seal. The new logo will go in the frame work behind the mayor in the council chambers. This logo will not be ready for us to use in January at the GMA event so you can wear which ever logo you choose. Once this is done, then we will place an order for new shirts for council members. We will replace business cards and other items with the logo as they are used up to help with the cost of full replacement.

Mayor called for Roll Call Vote: 8 YES, 0 NO. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt mentioned that in the morning, Tuesday, is the Eggs and Issues breakfast from 7:30-9:00 at the Fitzgerald Pillars.

Mayor Holt mentioned the parade Thursday beginning at 6 pm or if you are being judged, 5:15. David Walker mentioned the Lions Club Tour of Homes Tuesday night for the downtown Airbnb's. David has tickets or Walker Printing has tickets if you would like to purchase them. The event is from 6-8 ending at the Depot.

December 6 is the City's Christmas Party.

Mr. Albert Webb asked about the emblem on the Mayor's Council Chamber desk and that is part of the city seal but he would check into that.

Keith Morris mentioned that Friday night is the semi-final playoff game for FHSCCA. Tim Anderson mentioned that those tickets have to be purchased online.

Leslie Clemons mentioned that the DLS 9-10 girls' soccer is playing in Jackson County Friday.

Mayor Holt mentioned that the December meeting we will present the budget and have the employee service awards.

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



APPROVED:

Jose S. Holt

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Cristina Evans
