

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
October 10, 2022
6:00 pm**

A Public Hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, October 10, 2022.

A **Public Hearing** was held to give consideration to application to close an alley way to all traffic and the subsequent sale of the same to Johnny Caldwell. With no one to speak on this application, the public hearing was closed.

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, Peavey, Roberts, and Webb being present.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone. Mayor Holt announced that former council member Vernie Horton passed away and his services will be Saturday at 11:30 at the Fitzgerald Church of God.

Minutes of September 12, 2022, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: Peavey

Second: J. Johnson

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt called on Commander Antonio Copeland from American Legion 536 to come and speak. Commander Copeland spoke to us about the mission of the legion and how they are working to make improvements to the grounds. Mr. George Vereen also spoke about the progress that has been made and sometimes just need a boost. Mr. Vereen mentioned that membership was good.

Reports of city officers were given.

Mayor Holt mentioned highlights from the administrative report.

City tax notices have gone out and taxes are coming in. The new system we have for this is working well. We had to change the location of the splash pad. Had a police committee meeting and discussed camera systems. GRANTS GRANTS and GRANTS!!!We are currently waiting on a fire truck, limb truck and garbage truck all from grant monies. Be on the lookout for the Christmas Coming Home event as more information will be out soon. DLS fall sports are in full swing. The police department is waiting on official word on recertification. There are still 4 vacancies at the police department and 1 at the fire department. There will be some alleys paved in the downtown area soon. The airport remains busy. MEP construction is going along well. Please take time to read the printed version of this report.

Standing committee reports were given. Council person Barry Peavey gave a brief update on the first chicken committee meeting that was held last Wednesday. There was good conversation and some groundwork laid.

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

Ordinance 22-1580: An Ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley between city lots 4 and 5 in square 9, block 9, in the City of Fitzgerald, Ga; to sell and convey the right of way of said alley to the adjoining landowner, subject to the reservation of an easement with respect to the maintenance, repair and replacement of all utilities located over, upon or under said portion of said alley.

Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: J. Johnson

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt called for approval of the ordinance.

Approval of Ordinance 22-1580 Webb

Second: J. Johnson

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Ordinance Caption: An ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to .015 acre, more or less, in five acre tract number 922 in land lot number 121, in the third land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 114 Wilson Avenue, Fitzgerald, GA 31750 and the public road right of way adjacent thereto; to annex said property the existing corporate limits of the city of Fitzgerald, Georgia; to rezone said property from R-9 (County) to R-9 (City).

Under New Business:

We are requesting the reappointment of Jay Paulk to the housing authority. Mayor Holt asked the councils pleasure.

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: Roberts

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

Council person Kevin Johnson mentioned problems with Parker Street. Ms. Smith had contacted he and Mr. Webb in regards to the street. There are patches but wanted someone to come and look.

City Administrator Kathy Young mentioned the Council Retreat that will be held Saturday, October 15 from 8-3 at the Police Department.

Mayor Holt mentioned that Thursday is the Homecoming Parade at 6:30. This will have an abbreviated route.

The renovations in the council room remain underway. The painting has begun with only one wall to be completed.

DFACS Week: it is DFACS week so if you know of anyone in this department let them know you thank them for what they do.

Mayor Holt also mentioned that the month of November will have 2 meetings, both the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

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

(SEAL)

ATTEST: *Christina Turner*
CITY CLERK

APPROVED: *Jana S. Holt*
MAYOR