

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
January 8, 2018
6:00 pm**

A Public Hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, January 8, 2018.

A Public Hearing was held to consider AK Star, LLC, applying for a City of Fitzgerald Revolving Loan Fund for up to \$40,000.00. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Masee asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting immediately following the Public Hearing with Mayor Masee presiding and with Council members Coney, Griffin, Holt, Jefferson, Jones, Roberts, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of December 18, 2017, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Council Person Williams. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any other additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee opened with appreciation for those in attendance. Mayor Masee recognized the full chamber of visitors, family members and frequent guests. Special recognition was given to former Mayor Gerald Thompson. Mr. Thompson spoke regarding his 44 years of invested service in this community. Mr. Thompson looks towards a successful future and offered to help in any capacity.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the Administrative Report. Please note the full calendar of events. With no questions, comments or additions for department heads, moved to standing committees.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

Under reports of special committees, Council Person Michael Griffin presented an alcohol license for beer and wine off premises at Peach Express located at 189 Jacksonville Highway. This application was necessary to due new ownership. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Griffin made a motion to accept this license, seconded by Council Person Holt. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call vote: 9 yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, John Ed Smith, presented a **caption on Ordinance** to grant permission and consent to Irwin EMC to occupy the streets and public places of the City of Fitzgerald.

City Attorney, John Ed Smith, presented a **caption on Ordinance** to authorize an agreement between the City of Fitzgerald and the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County, Georgia, and the Board of Elections and Registration to facilitate electronic voting at the March 2018 special election.

City Attorney, John Ed Smith, presented **Resolution R18-001**, a Resolution to call a special election to fill the unexpired term of the office of Fitzgerald Water, Light & Bond Commissioner – Frist Ward. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion and with none called for **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked for approval of **Resolution R18-001**. Council Person Holt motioned to approve **Resolution R18-001**, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion and with none called for **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under new business, Mayor Masee asked for consideration to approve the RLF loan to AK Star, LLC. This application was considered by the RLF committee and also the public hearing. Council Person Webb motioned to approve the RLF loan to AK Star, LLC, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion and with none heard called for **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee expressed his appreciation for serving with this council and department heads. Mayor Masee wished all the best to incoming Mayor Jim Puckett and council member Jimmy Johnson.

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



ATTEST:

Cristina Evans

CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

J. R. Masee

MAYOR