

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

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

A Public Hearing was held to give consideration to application number 0119 by Ross LLC, for special exception to the zoning ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald, It is desired that a funeral home be allowed in a Professional Zone. The address of the property is 407 N Sheridan Street, Fitzgerald, Georgia. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Puckett asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. Mrs. Rosa Henderson requested to speak. Mrs. Henderson spoke regarding the concern for Fitzgerald/Ben Hill County to have 4 funeral homes in relation to our population. Her main concern was the children that could be affected with the location of the funeral home next to the Head Start. Having no other comments, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to give consideration to application number 0120 by Edward Waller, for an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. It is desired and requested the following property be annexed and rezoned from P & GB County to P City. The address of the property is 243 Perry House Road, Fitzgerald, Georgia. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Puckett 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 Puckett presiding and with Council members Griffin, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Roberts, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of September 10, 2018, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Johnson made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Puckett asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett welcomed the large audience in attendance.

Christine Graham, Family Connection Director, asked to speak. Mrs. Graham provided a handout to all council members that provide statistical data regarding children living in poverty, low birthweight babies and 3rd grade students achieving proficient learner or above on milestone ELA assessment all in relation to the State of Georgia statistical data. Mrs. Graham thanked the city for being such a great supportive fiscal agent. Mayor Puckett thanked Mrs. Graham for her hard work.

Deputy Administrator Kathy Young reminded Council and department heads of the reception at the Fitzgerald Fire Department after the meeting. This reception is to show our new Engine 2 and upgrades in the Fire Department along with the mural paintings.

Under reports of city officers, Mayor Puckett called attention to the many calendar items. He asked if there were any questions of the department heads and with none moved to special committees.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective committee chair.

Council Person Neesa Williams presented an alcohol license for beer only at Spanky's located at 243 Ocilla Highway for Brandon Young. This location is better known to us as the former Shoney's lounge. This application has been through the proper channels of the Sheriff and Police Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Williams made a motion to accept this license, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion and with none heard moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett called on Counselor Kyle Cook.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance 18-1527** an **Ordinance** to amend the City of Fitzgerald Zoning district map with respect to 2.02 acres, more or less, in land lot number 91, in the third land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 243 Perry House Road, Fitzgerald, Georgia, 31750, and the public road right of way adjacent thereto; to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia; to rezone said property from P & GB (county) to P (city). Council Person Webb motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion and with none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Ordinance 18-1527** Council Person Webb moved to approve **Ordinance 18-1527** seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance 18-1528**, an **Ordinance** to grant a special exception with respect to the property at 407 N Sheridan Street, Fitzgerald, Georgia. Council Person Williams motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Ordinance 18-1528**. Council Person Webb motioned to **Table Ordinance 18-1528** seconded by Council Person Johnson. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to table with **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for consideration to appoint himself to the Ben Hill Irwin Joint Development Authority that former mayor Mark Masee held. Council Person Webb motioned to accept the appointment seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion, and with none, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Approved.** Council Person Williams abstained from voting.

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



Cristina Evans

CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR

J. P. Puckett