

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
August 8, 2016
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 Masee presiding and with Council members Coney, Elrod, Griffin, Holt, Jefferson, Tillman, and Williams being present.

Minutes of July 11, 2016, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Williams. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee welcomed all visitors in attendance: Brad King, Sandra Wilcox, Christine Graham, Martha Powers-Jones and Hope Harmon. Mayor Masee congratulated Ms. Harmon as the newest Ben Hill County Commissioner.

Mayor Masee called on Family Connections director, Christine Graham. Mrs. Graham spoke on the purpose and mission of Family Connections. Mrs. Graham invited everyone to attend the quarterly meeting on Thursday, August 18 at noon to receive more in-depth information regarding the Family Connection programs.

Mayor Masee thanked Mrs. Graham for sharing and for her work and the work of the agency as a whole.

Under reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee called attention to the calendar items. The Bellamy Brothers on August 25 and the Community Wide Yard Sale on September 3. Hearing no questions for any departments, we moved to reports of Standing Committees.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

Special Committee Chairperson, Council Person Elrod, presented an alcohol license for beer only, off premises, at S&S Food mart. The application is presented due to new ownership. This application has followed the proper channels. Council Person Elrod motioned to accept this application, seconded by Council Person Holt. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented a **Caption on Ordinance** to levy a tax to meet the ordinary and extraordinary expenses of the City of Fitzgerald.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance 16-1483**, an ordinance to amend Article II, "Unsanitary Acts and Conditions" of Chapter 13, "Health and Sanitation" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Holt motioned to approve **Ordinance 16-1483** seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **a caption on Ordinance** to amend the City of Fitzgerald Zoning and District map with respect to 1.08 acres of land in land lot 118 in the third (3rd) land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 190 Walker Avenue, Fitzgerald, Georgia, and the public road right of way adjacent thereto.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **a Caption on Ordinance** to amend Article VII, "Peddlers and Solicitors" of Chapter 16, Licenses, Taxes and Business Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Resolution R16-012**, a resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald authorizing, among other things, the execution of documents relating to the acquisition of certain projects. Council Person Holt motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Masee as if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve Resolution R16-012 seconded by Council Person Holt. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked if there was any unfinished business. With no unfinished business moved to new business.

Under new business, Mayor Masee spoke on the Land Bank. This Land Bank was established, in conjunction with Ben Hill County, last year. The City has not made the necessary appointments to the Land Bank Board. Mayor Masee noted that the board will consist of two City appointments, two County appointments and one at-large appointment. Mayor Masee recommended we appoint Deputy City Administrator Cam Jordan and Council Person Alex Tillman to this board. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval of the appointments. Council Person Coney motioned to approved Jordan and Tillman as the City appointments to the Lank Bank Board, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstain. Motion approved Council Person Tillman abstained from voting.**

Mayor Masee noted the approved SPLOST Project for the Depot which houses the Museum and the Tourism Office. There is a contract pending work on the structure. Due to the cost involved, it is necessary for Council to approve execution of the contract. Mayor Masee requested approval to execute the contract. Council Person Coney motioned to approve Mayor Masee to execute the contract for the Depot renovations under SPLOST, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Masee as if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked if there was any other business. Council person Coney requested to speak. Mr. Coney wanted to thank everyone involved for the great work that was done at the Monitor Gym. Mr. Coney noted the great collaboration and leadership throughout the project. Mr. Coney also thanked those that were able to attend former council member James Stepherson's funeral and requested a moment of silence for his life and legacy.

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

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK