

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
December 12, 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, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of November 14, 2016, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Williams made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Coney. 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: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee presented employee service awards to 21 employees for their years of continued to service to the City of Fitzgerald and the citizens they serve.

Mayor Masee welcomed all visitors: Michael Melton, Brad King, Rawal Cheema, Altaf Cheema, and service award winners and family. Mayor Masee recognized that Mr. Cheema will be speaking during the public hearing to be held at 6:30p.m.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the Administrative Report. Special attention was made regarding the many holiday festivities between now and year end.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance #16-1489**, an amendment to Article II "malt beverages and wine" and Article IV, "liquor by the drink" both of Chapter 4 "alcoholic beverages" to comply with changes in the Georgia Code. Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the 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: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Ordinance #16-1489** seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented a **Caption on Ordinance for** an alley closure on Van Deman Drive. Mayor Masee noted the caption was read last month, but due to errors, is being presented again.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Resolution #R16-016**, a resolution adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2017, beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, for the general fund of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, appropriating funds for each department of the general city operation and adopting the anticipated revenue projections. 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, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion to approve the resolution. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Resolution R16-016**, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no further comments, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

The application for the special exemption will be addressed at the public hearing following the regular meeting.

Under New Business, Mayor Masee requested consideration for the appointment of Jason Dunn to the South Georgia Regional Commission. Mayor Masee opened the floor for a motion to approve the appointment. Council Person Holt motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. Dunn, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no further comments, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee requested consideration for the appointment of Jeff Smith to the Downtown Development Authority. Mayor Masee opened the floor for a motion to approve the appointment. Council Person Holt motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. Smith, seconded by Council Person Coney. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no further comments, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

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

A Public Hearing was held immediately following the regular council meeting. The public hearing is to consider an application for a special exception by Shahida Parveen to operate an automobile service station at 227 E. Central Avenue. Mayor Masee called on Rawal Cheema to come speak in regards to this application.

Mr. Cheema stated that his family has been in this community for 15 years, successfully run a business and never experienced any problems. Mr. Cheema continued stating that the property was considered due to the location in the Downtown area. He wished for everyone to consider this store opening.

Mayor Masee mentioned that information regarding this zoning issue was given out at the regular meeting and unless we reopen the meeting, will consider action on this application at a subsequent meeting.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK

