

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
February 08th, 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, Jones, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

A Public Hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, Monday, February 08th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held to give consideration to annexation and rezoning with respect to 0.15 acres in Land Lot 302 in the Fourth Land District, located adjacent to and West of 203 Ocilla Highway. Mayor Masee opened up for anyone to speak on this application and with none being heard, closed this public hearing.

A Public Hearing was held to give consideration to an application received from **GWAC Investments, LLC** for a City of Fitzgerald Revolving Loan up to \$48,000.00. Mayor Masee opened up for anyone to speak on this application and with none being heard, closed this public hearing.

Minutes of January 11, 2016, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion. Attorney Kyle Cook noted an error in the minutes in paragraph referencing Resolution #R15-009. Attorney Cook noted that minutes should reflect that Attorney Gill Braddy presented the Resolution and not Attorney Kyle Cook. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve minutes as presented with the correction as noted, 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, Mayor Masee called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Minutes of January 11, 2016, Organizational meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion. Council Person Williams made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, Mayor Masee called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee recognized the visitors in attendance: Shirley Brooks, Sherry Sue Davis and grandson, Clara Jones, Ola Freeman, Ken Williams, Donnie Jones, Sandra Shepherd, and Kimberly Shepherd. Mayor Masee welcomed all visitors present.

Mayor Masee invited Ms. Shirley Brooks, Executive Director of The Jessamine Place to speak. Ms. Brooks wanted to extend her appreciation to Chief William Smallwood and the Fitzgerald Police Department for their courtesy and cooperation assisting to search for one of their residents for over five (5) hours. The individual was found unharmed and returned to their residence. Mrs. Brooks thanked Chief Smallwood and the Officers for being there for them.

Mayor Massee invited council to review the administrative report and requested any questions or comments. At this time, Mayor Massee asked Deputy Administrator Cam Jordan to introduce Mr. Muata Smith. Jordan stated that the City had been able to secure services of Mr. Smith to intern until he entered school in Savannah. Jordan complimented the example Mr. Smith portrayed as a youth in our community and stated he was a very sharp young man. Mr. Smith will be working in the Community Development, Tourism, Museum and Cemetery on projects that are needed. Hearing no further questions or comments on the administrative report, we moved to Standing Committee reports.

Reports of Standing Committees were given by their respective Chairperson.

Council Person Holt gave a brief update on Day 17 of the 2016 Georgia General Assembly.

Special Committee Chairperson, Council Person Elrod, presented an alcohol license for Restaurant liquor by the drink, beer and wine at El Patron Mexican Restaurant, LLC, located at 116 Benjamin Hill Drive, SW. This application has followed the proper channels. Council Person Elrod motioned to accept this application, seconded by Council Person Holt. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance #16-1479** to amend the City of Fitzgerald Zoning District map with respect to 0.15 acres in Land Lot 302 in the Fourth Land District, located adjacent to and West of 203 Ocilla Highway. Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the full reading of the ordinance, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Ordinance 16-1479**, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance #16-1480** to close to vehicular traffic that portion of an alley at 801 - 809 West Altamaha Street between City Lot 12 and City Lot 13 in Square 1, Block 5, in the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia. Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the full reading of the ordinance, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Ordinance 16-1480**, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance #16-1481** to close to vehicular traffic that portion of an alley at 120 – 124 Traylor Avenue between City Lot 42 and City Lot 43 in Block G of Turner Heights Subdivision Addition, in the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia. Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the full reading of the ordinance, seconded by Council Person Griffin.

Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **Ordinance 16-1481**, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Resolution #R16-002**, a Joint Resolution of support for constructing a multi-use recreation facility, offices, gymnasium and/or swimming pool for the Department of Leisure Services on 402 – 516 West Jessamine Street. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Elrod motioned to accept **Resolution #R16-002** seconded by Council Person Holt. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

There was no unfinished business to claim attention.

Under new business, Mayor Masee entertained a motion to approve an application received from GWAC Investments, LLC for up to \$48,000.00 with the City of Fitzgerald’s Revolving Loan Fund. Mayor Masee noted that the application had been reviewed and approved by the RLF Committee. Council Person Coney motioned to approve the application received from GWAC Investments, LLC, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion and with none being heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked that we consider reappointing Jim Turner, David King and Trey Luckie to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Person Coney motioned to reappoint Jim Turner, David King and Trey Luckie to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With none being heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

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

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK