

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
June 13, 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, Jefferson, Jones, Tillman, and Williams being present.

Minutes of May 23, 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 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: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee welcomed the visitors in attendance: Sandra Wilcox, Brad King, Tawana Brooks, Robert Fuller, Emily McDuffie, Michael Melton, Tommy Roberts, Sherry Sue Davis and Dr. Shawn Haralson.

Mayor Masee called on Council Person Tillman. Council Person Tillman introduced Dr. Shawn Haralson, Superintendent of Ben Hill County Schools. Dr. Haralson thanked Mr. Tillman, Mayor and Council for having him. Dr. Haralson expressed his excitement for Fitzgerald, the partnerships he will make and being here to do what is best for the boys and girls in this community. Mayor Masee stated he looks forward to working with Dr. Haralson and look for great things to come.

Mayor Masee called on Ms. Emily McDuffie. Ms. McDuffie expressed her desire for help in a land line dispute at her Park Grove residence. Mayor Masee requested Deputy City Administrator, Cam Jordan, assist Ms. McDuffie.

A communication was read from the family of Edith Holly, Alesia Davis and Karen Igglehart.

Under reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the upcoming calendar items from the Administrative report. The annual GMA convention will begin June 24 in Savannah. The July 4 celebration is planned. Both events will be held before our next meeting in July. With no other items, question or comments, we moved in to standing committees.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance #16-1482** an ordinance to amend Article 1, "in general" of Chapter 17, "motor vehicles and traffic" of the code of ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald. 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 Coney motioned to approve **Ordinance 16-1482** seconded by Council Person Elrod. 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 zoning ordinance of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, as adopted February 13, 1989 and readopted by Ordinance #1122 on April 10, 1989, specifically to provide for regulation of signs and signage. Mayor Masee noted that a second reading will be considered at a future meeting.

Mayor Masee asked if there was any unfinished business, and with none, moved to new business. Mayor Masee stated in an earlier council meeting, we elected Council Person Albert Webb as our voting delegate at the GMA Convention. Council Person Webb has since withdrawn his registration, and we need to elect another member as our voting delegate. Mayor Masee opened the floor for nominations. Council Person Williams nominated Council Person Jones, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion called for a **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Council Person Jones abstained from voting.**

Mayor Masee welcomed a new department head, Fire Chief Jeffery Dobbins.

Council Person Williams gave a brief update on the 2nd Annual Pig Pickin' held this past weekend at Paulk Park. Mrs. Williams thanked Kathy Young, DLS and Public Works for all their hard work in making this a great success. Ms. Williams also thanked Mayor Masee for being one of the judges.

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

(SEAL)

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK