

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
May 9, 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, and Williams being present.

Minutes of April 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, Mayor Masee called for a **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee asked everyone to remember Council Person Webb and his wife, as she will be undergoing medical treatment at Emory.

Mayor Masee welcomed all visitors in attendance: Sherry Sue Davis, Clara Jones, Brand King and Michael Melton.

Under reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the administrative report and if there were any questions, they would be directed to appropriate department head. With no questions, Mayor Masee commented on several calendar items. May 14 is the community's Great Day of Service. Many of the City's departments are involved during this event as well as many employees and staff on a personal level. Memorial Day Holiday is May 30 with the Memorial Day Service at 11:00. The Pig Pickin' BBQ will be held June 11.

Reports of Standing Committees were given by their respective Chairperson. Council Person Holt gave an update on HB216. This bill was vetoed by Governor Deal, citing many issues raised by both GMA and ACCG.

Under Reports of Special Committees, Council Person Elrod presented a liquor license, applied for by Todd Damato, for a package store: Ben Hill Beverage Center, LLC, DBA "Frosty's". This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Elrod made a motion to accept this application, seconded by Council Person Griffin. Mayor Masee 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 a **Caption on Ordinance** to amend Article 1, " in General" of Chapter 17, " motor vehicles and traffic" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Resolution, R16-005**, a resolution supporting the construction of the Village of Ben Hill as an affordable housing residential family community. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Elrod. Mayor

Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve **R16-005**, seconded by Council Person Holt. Mayor Massee 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 **Resolution, R16-006**, a resolution to authorize the conditional acceptance of the "Federal Building" property by the City of Fitzgerald from the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County, Georgia. Council Person Coney motioned to dispense with full reading, seconded by Council Person Jones. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney motioned to approve R16-006, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee asked if there was any unfinished business, and with none, moved into new business.

Mayor Massee requested the reappointment of John Clements to the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library Board. Mayor Massee noted Mr. Clements willingness to continue service. Mayor Massee asked for a motion to accept this reappointment of Mr. Clements. Council Person Coney motioned to accept the reappointment, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee mentioned the June GMA Annual Conference. The annual membership business meeting allows us one voting delegate. Mayor Massee opened the floor to council for a recommendation. Council Person Holt motioned to appoint Mr. Albert Webb as our voting delegate, seconded by Council Person Williams. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none heard, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Council Person Williams will take the lead in representing Fitzgerald at the GMA opening session in the Parade of Flags. Mayor Massee stated Mrs. Williams took part in this event last year and will carry our city flag again this year.

Mayor Massee called David Walker, Public Works Director, to come forward. A proclamation for National Public Works Week for May 15-21, 2016, was presented to Mr. Walker on behalf of the office of Mayor Massee and Council in appreciation for all their work.

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

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK