

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
November 14, 2016
6:00 pm**

A Public Hearings took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, November 14, 2016

A Public Hearing was held to present the Revolving Loan Fund application for AsystYou, LLC for a loan up to \$75,000.00. AsystYou, LLC, will assist low to moderate income families and startup businesses. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Masee asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, immediately following the public hearing, with Mayor Masee presiding and with Council members Elrod, Griffin, Holt, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of October 10, 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 Webb. 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: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee welcomed the visitors and guests in attendance: Brad King, Martha Powers-Jones, Ken Williams and Tommy Roberts.

Mayor Masee called on Martha Powers-Jones to come and speak regarding events at the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library. Mrs. Jones thanked Mayor and Council for their support. The library's strategic plan was approved at the October board meeting.

A \$15,000 STEAM grant was received in which two DIY craft carts were purchased as well as a 3D printer, scanner with software; computers, a camcorder along with a portable green screen for movie making capabilities.

There is a weekly story time that will feature special guests at the first of each month.

Some new services are now being offered through the library which consists of down-loadable games and magazines. To access, a library card is required.

Christmas with the Grinch will be December 3, from 10:00am-12:00pm. Please come visit the Grinch and enjoy crafts, cookies and pictures with the Grinch.

A Christmas Magic Program will be held at the Theatre, December 22 at 1:00p.m and then a teen workshop at 2:30p.m. exploring basic magic tricks. This will feature magician, Mr. Ken Scott. Mayor Masee thanked Mrs. Jones and expressed his appreciation for the invocation she brings to our library.

A communication was read from the family of Patty Gleaton Dobbins.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the Administrative Report. Mayor Masee noted the calendar items. Many activities are listed along with the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. With no questions or comments regarding the administrative report the meeting moved on to reports of standing committees.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

Under reports of special committees, Mayor Massee called on Council Person Elrod. Mrs. Elrod presented a beer only license application for Peach Express. This application is being considered due to new ownership. 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 license application, seconded by Council Person Holt. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented a Caption on Ordinance to rezone 402 N Sherman Street from G-B to P.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented a Caption on Ordinance to rezone 222 N. Monitor Drive from WLI to G-B.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented a Caption on Ordinance to annex and rezone 106 B Van Demon Dr. from R-9 County to R-9 City.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented a Caption on Ordinance to close the alley at 106 Van Demon Dr.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented a Caption on Ordinance to amend article II and IV of Chapter 4 "alcoholic beverages" to comply with changes in the Georgia Code.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Resolution #R16-015**, a resolution to sell property for redevelopment purposes to New Level Fellowship, LLC. A motion was made by Council Person Holt to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Massee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Holt made a motion to approve **Resolution # R16-015**, seconded by Council Person Griffin. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All if favor, motion approved.**

Under New Business, a Revolving Loan Fund application was received from AsystYou, LLC. This application was considered and approved by the RLF committee. Mayor Massee asked if there was any discussion. With none, Mayor Massee requested a motion to approve this application. Council Person Webb motioned to approve the RLF application from AsystYou, LLC, seconded by Council Person Elrod. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Council Person Elrod thanked every City department for their assistance with the Harmony Jubilee. She expressed her appreciation for all the work that each area does. Mayor Massee mentioned that the winds did not cooperate therefore, unable to fly any balloons, but the many visitors he met stated they would be back next year. He appreciates all the work the committee did to make this another successful event.

Council Person Williams thanked everyone for the successful downtown Christmas open house.

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

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK