

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
April 8, 2019
6:00 pm**

Public Hearings took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, April 8, 2019.

A Public Hearing was held to consider application number 0123 by John Ron Paulk for an amendment to the zoning ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. It is desired and requested that the following property, located at 107 Northwood Drive, be annexed and rezoned from R-9 County to R-9 City. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Puckett asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. Having no comments, the public hearing was closed.

A Public Hearing was held to consider application number 0124 by G. S. McIntyre, Jr, for an amendment of the zoning ordinance for the City of Fitzgerald. It is desired and requested that the following property be rezoned from R-6-M to G-B. The address of the property is 410 E. Sultana Drive, Fitzgerald. This application was properly advertised. Mayor Puckett asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this application. Mrs. Christine Fletcher, a resident of N. Logan Street and Sultana Connector spoke in regards to the excess noise, fighting and with project housing, noise going on all the time. Mr. Bruce Thomas owns property on E. Sultana. This property is family property and it is quiet. Projects have problems.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting immediately following the public hearings with Mayor Puckett presiding and with Council members Griffin, Jefferson, Johnson, Roberts, Tillman, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of March 11, 2019, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Griffin made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Council Person Johnson. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Puckett asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett welcomed everyone in attendance.

Under reports of city officers, Mayor Puckett called attention to the calendar items. Mayor Puckett noted the full calendar of events. Mayor Puckett introduced the new City Chaplain, Jeff Parmer. He asked if there were any questions of the department heads and with none moved to reports of standing committees where reports were given by their respective chairperson.

Council Person Williams presented a beer only license application for The Palace located at 109 Ocilla Highway by Brian Taylor. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Williams made a motion to accept this license, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion and with none called for **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Council Person Williams presented a beer only application for The Spot located at 225 S Grant Street by Sharetha Hillman. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Williams made a motion to accept this license, seconded by Council Person Johnson. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion and with none called for **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Council Person Williams presented an alcohol application for The Golden Antler located at 222 E Pine Street by Brandon Roberts. This application has been through the proper channels of the Police and Sheriff Departments, Public Works, Zoning and Administration. Council Person Williams made a motion to accept this license, seconded by Council Person Webb. Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion and with none called for **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, Presented the following Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 19-1532: An ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to .43 acres, more or less, in land lot number 121, in the third land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 107 Northwood Drive, and the public road right of way adjacent thereto; to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the City of Fitzgerald and to rezone from R-9 County to R-9 City.

- Motioned to dispense with full reading made by Council Person Roberts
- Seconded by council Person Griffin

With no discussion heard called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for **approval of Ordinance 19-1532.**

- Motioned to accept by Council Person Webb
- Seconded by Council Person Griffin.

Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion. With none heard called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Ordinance 19-1533: An ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to five (5) acres, more or less, in five-acre tract 961 in land lot number 300, in the fourth land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 410 E. Sultana Drive, Fitzgerald, Georgia, in the City of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia; to rezone said property from R-6-M(City) to G-B(City).

- Motion to dispense full reading by Council Person Williams.
- Seconded by Council Person Roberts

With no discussion heard called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for a motion to table this ordinance.

- This motion to table was made by Council Person Webb and seconded by Council Person Johnson.

Ordinance 19-1534: An ordinance to sell and convey the right of way of said alley to the adjoining landowner, subject to the reservation of an easement with respect of all utilities located over, upon or under said portion of said alley located at 119 Poplar Street.

- Motion to dispense with full reading by council Person Williams
- Seconded by Council Person Griffin

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for **approval of Ordinance 19-1534.**

- Motion to accept by Council Person Webb
- Seconded by Council Person Johnson

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Ordinance 19-1535: An ordinance to authorize an agreement between the City of Fitzgerald, the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County and the Board of Elections and Registration of Ben Hill county Georgia, to facilitate electronic voting at the June 2019 Special Election to be conducted by the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, and any ruff-off elections thereof.

- Motion to dispense with full reading by council Person Williams
- Seconded by Council Person Webb

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for **approval of Ordinance 19-1535.**

- Motion to accept by Council Person Webb
- Seconded by Council Person Johnson

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Ordinance 19-1536: An ordinance to close and remove from the municipal street system of the City of Fitzgerald that certain 20-foot-wide alley which is bound on the north by city lots 8-14 and bound by the south by city lots 22-28, all in square 15 in block 7 in the City of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia.

- Motion to dispense with full reading by Council Person Roberts
- Seconded by Council Person Webb

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for **approval of Ordinance 19-1536.**

- Motion to accept by Council Person Webb
- Seconded by Council Person Johnson

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Resolution R19-004: A Resolution to approve contract for certain work at the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill county airport with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

- Motion to accept by Council Person Webb
- Seconded by Council Person Roberts

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for **approval of Resolution R19-004.**

- Motion to accept by Council Person Webb
- Seconded by Council Person Johnson

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

Ordinance Captions:

- An ordinance to amend section 3 "general provisions" of the zoning ordinance of the City of Fitzgerald.

- An ordinance to amend Article I "in general" of Chapter 23, "Utilities", of the code of ordinance if the City of Fitzgerald.

Under new business:

Mayor Puckett asked for consideration for the appointments of Al Johnson and Jane Harden, and reappointment of Brandy Elrod to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion for approval Council Person Michael Griffin.

Second by Council Person Tommy Roberts.

With no discussion heard, called for **Roll Call vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett mentioned the retirement of Fire Chief Jeffery Dobbins that was effective March 31, 2019. We wish him well with his retirement. Mayor Puckett asked for consideration of current Assistant Fire Chief, Rusty Seaver, to the position of Fire Chief. Mayor Puckett noted his time of service with the department and accommodations received throughout his career.

Motion for approval by Council Person Webb.

Second by Council Person Johnson.

With no discussion, called for **Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No.**

A proclamation was presented to Rob Garber, BHMS teacher, for his tireless dedication to the students of Ben Hill County.

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



APPROVED:

MAYOR