

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
April 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

A public hearing was held to discuss the application from Marie's D & S Appetizers to consider applying for the City of Fitzgerald Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for up to \$20,000.00. With no one to speak on the application the hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council met on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, with Mayor Jason L. Holt presiding and with Council members Brown, Clemons, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts and Webb being present.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone and hoped everyone had a good day and survived the eclipse.

Minutes of previous meeting, March 25, 2024, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval. Council member J Johnson made a **motion** to approve minutes, **seconded** by Council member Roberts. With there being no additions or corrections, Mayor Holt called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt called on Mr. Calvin Bryan to come and address council. Mr. Bryan lives at 119 Kaitlyn court. His concern is Clare Road and all the pot holes. Please come and fill in the pot holes. Any help would be appreciated.

Under reports of city officers, Mayor Holt called attention to the administrative report. He highlighted many areas of interest: City Administrator, Kathy Young, is on the GCCMA board for district 11. DLS spring sports are beginning. Police vehicles are in the production line. David Walker, Public Works Director, has been in touch with CSX to help work on the Lee St. crossing. We are currently working on bid packages for paving. Our new limb truck is here. Please remember Mr. Mike Davis and family upon his recent death. Mr. Davis worked at our airport. We currently have 5 firefighters in testing II. Other congratulations to the fire department on the ISO rating of 2. Community development, code enforcement and building inspector have been busy. Carl Vinson will be doing a study on East Pine St. We had a great Easter egg hunt with about 150 children who found all the eggs in a matter of minutes. This past weekend we had the Wild Chicken 100 bicycle event and it was a good event.

Committee reports were given by the respective chair persons.

Council Person Clemons presented an alcohol license on Woody's Sport Bar located at 411 S. Sheridan Street for a lounge. This application has been through the proper channels. A motion

to deny this application due to location to parks was made. **Motion to deny** Clements, **seconded** by J. Johnson. With no discussion a **roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No to deny this application.**

Council Person Clements presented an alcohol license for new ownership of Jerry's Grocery located at 207 E Ohoopsee St. This application has been through the proper channels. A **motion** was made to accept this application by Clemons, **second** by Roberts. With no discussion a roll call vote: **9 Yes, 0 No. all in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented an **Ordinance 24-1617**: An Ordinance to provide for participation by the City of Fitzgerald in the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) life and health program, in accordance with and subject to the terms of the GMEBS life and health program trust agreement. The GMEBS life and health program participation agreement, the participating employer's declaration page(s), and the rules governing the program, all as authorized by Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. **Motion** to dispense with full reading: Roberts, **second** Clemons. **Roll Call Vote 9 Yes, 0 No all in favor, motion approved.**

Council Person Sheila Jefferson inquired about the detail of the ordinance and it is for the city health insurance coverage.

Motion: Webb **Second:** Brown to approve the Ordinance.

With no further discussion, Mayor Holt called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented a **Resolution R24-002**: A Resolution to enter into that certain statewide mutual aid and assistance agreement: to authorize the mayor to execute all necessary instruments to affect the same.

Motion to dispense with full reading Roberts

Second Brown

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mayor Holt mentioned this is this is a 3-year state wide mutual aid agreement mechanism where money can be recovered through GEMA or FEMA.

Mayor Holt called for approval of the Resolution: **Motion** Webb, **Second** Roberts.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Under New Business: Ida Childs, 904 S Sheridan Street applied for the RLF loan. We have reviewed and it meets all criteria. We need a motion to approve.

Motion to approve: Webb, **second** Brown.

With no discussion, **Roll Call Vote 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Councilman Roberts reminded everyone of Tuesday, April 16 at 5:30 at the Grand is the District 11 meeting.

City Administrator, Kathy Young reminded everyone of April 25 Seminar that GMA is giving for us from 9 until 12. Come at 8:30 for doughnuts and coffee. We will have posted that City Hall will be closed during this time.


Earl Brown will be attending Ham and Eggs in Fort Valley.

Chief Smallwood announced that the new app for them has gone live. It is available on the App Store BHSO/FPD Public Safety.

City Chaplain gave out a "Little Jesus" as in hopes of turning this community into a not only a good community but a Godly community.

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



APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

