

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
August 23, 2021
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 Puckett presiding and with Council members Brown, Griffin, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts, and Webb being present.

Mayor Puckett welcomed everyone.

Roll Call

Regular meeting minutes for July 12, 2021, were presented.

Motion: Roberts

Second: Griffin

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

Hearing from citizens and visitors. Mayor Puckett called upon Cyndee Smallwood to make a presentation. Mrs. Smallwood thanked the Mayor and council for the opportunity to speak. She handed out a booklet of researched information for the swimming pool/aquatic center she spoke about. Mrs. Smallwood gave in-depth positive points to support the need for a facility like this for our community. Mayor Puckett thanked Mrs. Smallwood for her work into this presentation and mentioned that they would speak at a later date.

Attention was called to the administrative report. Please note the calendar items. Also, at this time, Chief Smallwood presented Malachi Kendall with a pinning for a new police officer. We welcome Officer Kendall to our team.

Reports of standing committees was given.

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

Ordinance Caption: *An Ordinance levying a tax to meet the ordinary current and extraordinary expenses of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, for the year 2021 and other purposes.*

Resolution R21-010: *A Resolution of the mayor and council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, requiring the use of masks or face coverings in property owned by or leased by the City of Fitzgerald during the COVID-19 outbreak.*

Dispense with full reading:

Motion: Roberts

Second: Griffin

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

Mayor Puckett asked for Approval of *Resolution R21-010:*

Motion to approve: J. Johnson

Second: Brown

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

Resolution R21-011: A Resolution to authorize the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, to make application to the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources, environmental protection division hazardous waste trust fund for reimbursement and/or advance for costs associated with the investigation, remediation, post closure, care and/or maintenance of the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Landfill.

Dispense with full reading:

Motion: Roberts

Second: Webb

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

Mayor Puckett asked for Approval of Resolution R21-011:

Motion to approve: J. Johnson

Second: Webb

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

Under new business: Mayor Puckett called on Coach Mark "Boogie" Merrill to come forward with his team, Georgia Storm. This basketball team won 2 national championships and they were presented with the winning rings. Coach Merrill gave them a commemorative t-shirt. Coach Merrill told of this teams' busy seasons schedule and how well these boys worked together as a team and expressed his gratitude to these young men. They wanted to let the community know that they were appreciative of all that was done to support them. They received a standing ovation.

Mayor Puckett mentioned that he loved inspiring young people and wanted to let everyone know that "Boogie" constantly worked with the youth in all sports possible.

Mayor Puckett thanked the department heads for all their good work for the city.

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



Cristina Evans

CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR