

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
February 10, 2020
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.

Minutes of January 13, 2020, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: Griffin

No discussion.

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

Minutes of January 13, 2020, Organization meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: Webb

Second: Roberts

No discussion.

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

Minutes of January 16, 2020, called meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: D. Jefferson

No discussion.

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

The Monitor Enrichment Program Youth presented Martin Luther King, Jr. speech, "I Have a Dream". The young people did an excellent job. Mayor Puckett thanked them for coming to present and they received a standing ovation.

Under reports of City Officers: The Fire department recently tested for a new lieutenant position. Fire Chief Seaver pinned Gerald Merritt as the new lieutenant. Congratulations to Gerald Merritt.

Reports of standing committees was given by the respective chairperson.

Mayor Puckett called on City Attorney, Kyle Cook, to present the following ordinances and resolutions:

Resolution R20-002: A Resolution to change the location of regular and early, advance, and absentee voting with respect to all future elections conducted by the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, to the Ben Hill County Board of Elections office, 602 S. Grant St., Fitzgerald, Ga 31750.

Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Griffin

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

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of R20-002:

Motion: Webb

Second: Roberts

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

Mr. Cook stated prior to presenting Resolution R20-003 that Council Member Albert Webb would not be voting on the subsequent Resolution as a conflict of interest arose as Mr. Webb serves as a member of the board of directors for the Monitor Enrichment Program. City Attorney, Mr. Cook, further stated it was determined that no other conflicts of interest existed for the remaining council members.

Resolution R20-003: A resolution to submit a joint application with Ben Hill County to obtain fiscal Year 2020 community development block grant funds for public facility improvements.

Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Griffin

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

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of R20-003:

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: Griffin

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion approved.**

Albert Webb abstaining.

Resolution R20-004: A Resolution supporting legislation for the Georgia Local Government Infrastructure Finance Authority Act.

Dispense with full reading: Griffin

Second: Webb

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

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of R20-004.

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: Brown

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

Mr. Cook stated prior to presenting Resolution R20-005 that Council Member Albert Webb would not be voting on the subsequent Resolution as a conflict of interest arose as Mr. Webb serves as a member of the board of directors for the Monitor Enrichment Program. City Attorney, Mr. Cook, further stated it was determined that no other conflicts of interest existed for the remaining council members.

Resolution R20-005: A Resolution for the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, to provide maintenance services to the Monitor Enrichment Program Facility, 600 S. Monitor Drive, Fitzgerald, GA, 31750.

Dispense with full reading: J. Johnson

Second: Brown

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

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of R20-005.

Motion: Griffin

Second: Roberts

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion approved.**
Albert Webb abstaining.

Resolution R20-006: A Resolution endorsing the Georgia Placemaking Collaborative Program and Pledge support for the same.

Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Webb

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

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of R20-006.

Motion: Webb

Second: Brown

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

Ordinance 20-1552: An Ordinance to close permanently for all purposes a portion of the public right of way known as Sadie Street, in land lot 91 in the third land district in the City of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia; to sell and convey the right of way of said right of way to the adjoining landowners, subject to the reservation of an easement with respect to the maintenance, repair and replacement of all utilities located over, upon or under said portion of said right of way.

Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Griffin

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Approved.**

Barry Peavey abstained.

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of Ordinance 20-1552.

Motion: Webb

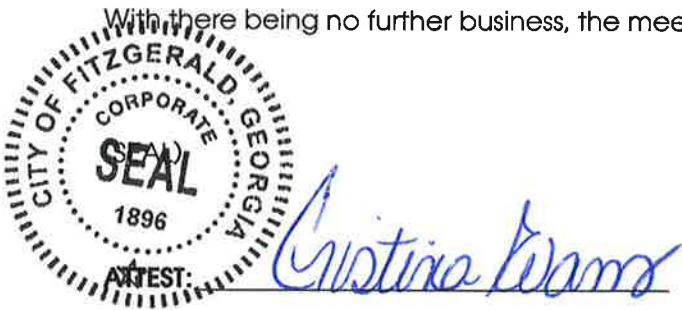
Second: Brown

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Approved.**

Barry Peavey abstained.

Mayor Puckett presented the State of the City Address. See attached.

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



CITY CLERK

APPROVED: 
MAYOR