

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

Mayor and Council met on Monday, July 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, Roberts and Webb being present.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting on a rainy night. This is a special meeting tonight as we get to recognize a few of our employees.

Minutes of previous meeting, June 10, 2024, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval. Council member Webb made a **motion** to approve minutes, **seconded** by Council member Brown. With there being no additions or corrections, Mayor Holt called for a **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under hearing from citizens and visitors, Mayor Holt called on Police Chief William Smallwood to come and make some special pinning's for four police officers. Laykin Brown and Thomas Register are new officers with the police department and we welcome them to the team. Malachi Kendall was promoted to Sergeant and Barrett Parr was promoted to Captain. Congratulations to these two who have worked. Mayor Holt asked those that were here to support these officers to please stand and be recognized.

Mayor Holt called on Dene Hogan. Mrs. Hogan stated she lives at 107 Sims Circle. Her property is in the City but there is a small strip that runs in front of her property on Roanoke that seems to be an issue. This strip has not been mowed, has grown up, backed up with water and harbors a family of foxes. She requested assistance on keeping this up as she can not do anymore. Mrs. Hogan also thanked Chief Smallwood for getting a speed sign in her neighborhood that has helped slow down traffic.

Mayor Holt called on David Coffee. Mr. Coffee lives in the county at 169 MeadowLane. He requested a copy of a deed for the family plot at the cemetery that was bought back in 1956.

Mayor Holt paused the meeting for a few minutes to allow those wanting to leave the opportunity to go with out disrupting the remainder of the council meeting.

Under reports of city officers, Mayor Holt mentioned the administrative report. He asked that everyone read through this as there is a lot of information in the report. Mayor Holt did call out the revenues at 50.91% and expenditures at 48.68%. We did have a tax sale last week with some success as we have not held one since 2017.

Committee reports were given by the respective chair persons.

Council Person Clemons presented an alcohol license on Jet Foods located at 255 Benjamin H Hill Drive. This is an application for a new business with beer/wine off premises. This application has been through the proper channels. A motion to approve this application was made as it does meet all the requirements for approval. **Motion to approve Clemons, seconded by Roberts. With no discussion a roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented an **Ordinance Caption:** an Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to all of City lots numbers 7 and 8, in square number 14 in block number 2, in the City of Fitzgerald, formerly Irwin, now Ben Hill County Georgia, as shown by the plats of said city made by or for the American Tribune Soldiers Colony Company of file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Irwin County Georgia; to rezone said property from R-6 (city) to R-6-M (city)

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Resolution R24-005: A Resolution** to authorize an agreement between the City of Fitzgerald and the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County, Georgia, To establish policies for real property held for use by jointly funded services.

**Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts, Second, Webb.**

Mayor called for discussion and with none, **Roll Call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Councilman Kevin Johnson asked about the resolution. This is a request from the County for joint services property. This property is titled either City or County but if sold the money is split between the joint services 50/50 except for airport that is 60/40.

Mayor Holt called for **approval of Resolution R24-004: Motion, Webb, Second, Brown** With no discussion, **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under New Business: Mayor Holt asked for approval to reappoint Louie Harper to the planning and zoning board. Councilman Kevin Johnson asked about the term limits for the board and it is 4 years.

**Motion to accept: Roberts, second, Clemons. Roll Call Vote 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

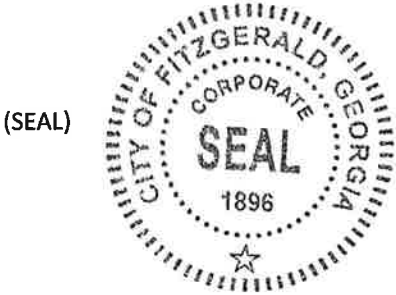
Mayor Holt mentioned that there are vacancies on several of our boards. If anyone knows of someone who is willing to serve, see Cristina Evans to get the application for service or just send them our way.

City Chaplain Gary Mimbs mentioned in the winter we have warming stations set up but what about cooling stations in the summer. Kathy Young mentioned this has been discussed.

Department head Whitney Justice stated that the Historic Planning Commission has 3 positions available.

Councilman Kevin Johnson mentioned getting a copy of the ARPA funding listing.

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



APPROVED:

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ATTEST:

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