

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
March 25, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor and Council met on Monday, March 25, 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, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts and Webb being present.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting, March 11, 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: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Council Person Peavey mentioned the February general fund report in the packet and seems like the year is off to a good start.

Council Person Clemons presented an alcohol license for 277 Ocilla Hwy, this is for new ownership of the location and for beer and wine off premises. This has been through all the proper channels for approval. **Motion** to approve this license: Clemons. Mayor Holt mentioned this is old Shell Station once owned by Turner. Mayor Holt called for a **second**: Peavey. With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Mayor Holt was notified that the ISO inspection was done and we went from a 3 to a 2 and this should help on your house insurance ratings come July 1. Congratulations to Chief Seaver and the fire department personnel for a great job as well as the 911 record keeping. The top 7% of fire departments in the country are in this level and this is great for our size to be at this level 2.

Chicken Festival report by Barry Peavey: Record year for vendors and spectators. 101 of 103 vendors showed for the event. The humane society raised a good amount of funds. No security issues and the only downside was Friday's weather. The Skydiving event went well. Kathy Young mentioned they raised almost \$1,000.00 and adopted all the animals taken to the festival. There were drone pictures that showed a good shot of the vendors on the streets. Barry Peavey mentioned people from Macon, Tallahassee and Jacksonville were impressed.

City Administrator, Kathy Young, presented an **Ordinance Caption**: 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. Discussion post caption reading was our health insurance changes April 1, and we have looked at GMA for several years. Councilman Peavey asked if this was a savings to the employee and Mayor Holt answered No BUT this is a richer plan with BCBS on the medical side and better service.

City Administrator, Kathy Young, presented a Resolution R24-001: A Resolution to authorize and direct the mayor to execute one or more lease supplement s for a lease or leases under the GMA direct leasing program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations.

Motion to dispense with full reading Roberts
Second Clemons.

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Mayor Holt mentioned this is to be paid with SPLOST funds. We have been waiting on this limb truck for 3 years now.

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

Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes 0 No. Motion approved.

Under New Business: GMA registration will be Wednesday. Cristina Evans will be contacting a few on Tuesday to review the registration.

April 16 is the District 11 meeting at the Grand Theatre at 5:30.

Also, April 25 training at the Grand, come about 8:30 and program will begin at 9am.

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



APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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