

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia  
May 13, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor and Council met on Monday, May 13, 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 on this rainy evening.

Minutes of previous meeting, April 8, 2024, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval. Council member Roberts made a **motion** to approve minutes, **seconded** by Council member Peavey. 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 Becky Gay. Becky Gay is the CIS (Communities in Schools) director. She came to speak on May being Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Becky presented statistical data on several areas associated with teen pregnancy. She also let us know of the program we have in school that has been a great help in us trending downward in teen pregnancy. She presented an informative handout to council.

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. Mr. Bryan stated that he came last month to address this issue and wants to know an exact time of when we would address the pot hole issue.

Mayor Holt called on Deanna Diakogiannis and Brittany Stanford to come speak. Both ladies spoke regarding Evergreen Cemetery. They disagree with the removal of items at the gravesites. There is a petition that has started with about 120 signatures in opposition of the policies. Deanna stated that when they visited they did pick up around the sites to be sure that the area was neat and clean. Brittany stated that the bench that once sat at the grave side now sits at her residence. She shared the same sentiments of Deanna.

Under reports of city officers, Mayor Holt called attention to the administrative report. He highlighted many areas of interest: Mayor Holt thanked all those who attended the first amendment class. He stated that the electric franchise tax has been received and now we hit the lean months. Please review the grant additions. Also highlighted were the DLS spring sports, police training, public works resurfacing projects, fire department with all having a level 2 fire fighter status. Community Development has had Waffle House pull permits. Memorial Day is May 27, 2024, followed by Juneteenth with meeting to come on this event. Please take time to read the entire report.

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 approved this application was made as it does meet all the requirements for approval. **Motion to approve Clements, seconded by Peavey. With no discussion a roll call vote: 8 Yes, 1 No Motion Approved. Jimmy Johnson voting NO.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented a **Resolution R24-003**: A Resolution to authorize the City of Fitzgerald to enter a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide afterschool care services through the Monitor Enrichment Center.

**Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts, second Clemons. Roll Call Vote 9 Yes, 0 No all in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt mentioned that this is yearly obligation we have to do for the MEP to receive this grant money.

**Motion: Webb Second: Peavey to approve the Resolution.**

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 an **Ordinance Caption**: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 18 "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, specifically section 18-67, "Curfew" of the Article III, "Miscellaneous," There of.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented and **Ordinance Caption**: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 18, "Offenses and Miscellaneous provisions" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald. Georgia, specifically Article III, "Miscellaneous," Thereof to provide for the regulation of special events.

Under New Business: Mayor Holt asked for approval to sign the airport layout plan.

**Motion made for Mayor to sign by Peavey and Second by Roberts. With no discussion: Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt brought forth the Blockstream indemnity agreement between Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond and Blockstream with just the City of Fitzgerald and no other communities. We are asking that you give us permission to sign this agreement.

**Motion to approve: Roberts, Second J. Johnson. With no discussion, Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.**

Mayor Holt mentioned that each year at the Georgia Municipal Association's Annual Convention we elect a voting delegate. Last Year it was Mayor Holt. He asked for a nomination from the floor. **Dennis Jefferson was nominated by Council Webb and seconded by Sheila Jefferson.**

**With no discussion, a roll call vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Dennis Jefferson Abstained.**

Council Person S. Jefferson inquired about mobile homes and lot size for residential areas. She was informed that the area must be zoned R-6-M and have a double wide trailer as only single-wides are allowed in mobile home parks. Questions into the zoning ensued and you can go and apply for zoning at Public Works.


Council Person K. Johnson asked about the Monitor and Legion areas in regards to the ARPA money allocations. The funds are already allocated. We are waiting on the status of the contractors. Currently we are working with 2 contractors for Monitor. Once we get the information from the contractors we will bring before the buildings and grounds committee.

Council Person K. Johnson also asked about the logo on the banners for the light poles in town. They are the former logo on the banners and wondering when the new logo will be on them. We are currently weaning down the old logo items in town and replacing as we reorder items such as the trashcans and the banners. We will reach out to tourism and check on this.

Council Person J. Johnson stated he voted NO on the sports bar and he feels we need to amend the ordinance, in regards to distance, for the parks and recreation facility. The state law changed and we cannot change state law but will look into what we are able to do in this matter.

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



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**MAYOR**

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