

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
May 9, 2022
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 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 in attendance. Happy Monday. Happy Mother's for all the ladies.

Minutes of April 11, 2022, Regular Council meeting and public hearings were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: Brown

No discussion.

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

Mayor Holt called on Steven Haggard to come forward. Mr. Haggard won the Georgia Cities Week scavenger hunt for the City. He was presented the key to the City by Mayor Holt.

In the administrative report, Mayor Holt mentioned that there are two reports due to the calendar being cut off from the first submission. This report was sent out in the packet on Wednesday as requested from the retreat.

We moved onto reports from standing committees.

There were two alcohol licenses to be presented. Tommy Roberts presented the EZ Mart for beer and wine located at 215 E Sultana. This application has been through the proper channels of sheriff and police departments, zoning and administration.

Motion to accept this application: Roberts

Second: Webb

No discussion.

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

Tommy Roberts presented Naniya LLC for a package store at 801 S Sherman St. This application has been through the proper channels of the sheriff and police departments, zoning and administration. **Motion** to accept this application: Roberts.

Second: Webb

No discussion.

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

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

Resolution R22-006: A Resolution of the City of Fitzgerald, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF) Grant #GA-0010092 Sole Source Procurement of the Southern Georgia Regional commission for Grant Administration Technical Services.

Dispense with full reading Roberts.

Second: Webb

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

Mayor Holt mentioned the executive summary briefing in the packet for the explanation and asked for council's pleasure on this resolution.

Approval of Resolution R22-006: Roberts

Second: Peavey

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

Resolution R22-007: A Resolution to authorize the City of Fitzgerald to enter a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Human Services for the Monitor Enrichment Program.

Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Brown

Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Holt mentioned this is an annual contract we enter into.

Approval of Resolution R22-007: Roberts

Second: K. Johnson

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

Resolution R22-008: A Resolution to adopt and amend policies and procedures related to the roles of Mayor, Council and the City Administrator, as well as to meeting procedure and travel policy.

Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Webb

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

Mayor Holt mentioned this was sent out ahead of time as a product of the retreat and the items listed in the policy are pulled straight from the Charter. In the future we will have a new employee orientation. Main focus was page 17 to fund travel for council. We arrange the hotel reservations and educational class registration and will continue this process. The change will be that there will be no receipts, EXCEPT FOR HOTEL, that is required to be brought back. The process before has been quite cumbersome and this will help the audit procedure as well. On page 20 for the upcoming meeting you will receive per diem travel and mileage according to the GSA US General Services Administration per diem rates for Georgia.

Discussion was brought by Peavey in regards to commonly used system of per diem and yes, this is commonly used and implemented in other cities. Jimmy Johnson mentioned he appreciated this being sent out early. He appreciates this system better.

Mayor Holt asked for councils' pleasure.

Approval of Resolution R22-008: Roberts

Second: Brown

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

Under new business Mayor Holt mentioned we would have a Memorial Day event. You have a copy of the temporary schedule, not to be published yet. This will be at 11:00 am at Veterans Park.

July, we will not have the 2nd Monday night, July 11, meeting as normally scheduled due to conflicts during this time. We will move this meeting to the 4th Monday night on July 25th. This will be published in the paper 2 consecutive weeks and posted at City Hall.

Also, there are 2 vacancies on the library board for the city. If you know of anyone in your district that would be interested in serving on this board please have them contact us at City Hall.

Mayor Holt asked the department heads if they had anything to bring to the floor and there was none.

The rodeo was a good event for us and had good crowds. Fire fighter Willie Jackson was recognized at the rodeo. The job fair that happened today was a good event.

Mayor Holt thanked everyone again for being here tonight.

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



CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR