

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
November 11, 2019
6:00 pm**

A public hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, November 11, 2019.

A **Public Hearing** was held to review and transmit the Ben Hill County and City of Fitzgerald Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review.

Ms. Elizabeth Backe spoke regarding this amendment to the comprehensive plan by adding the broadband element. We are the first to amend our plan outside of the 5-year plan rotation. With no further comments the public hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a **Regular** meeting immediately following the public hearings with Mayor Puckett presiding and with Council members Griffin, Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Jones, Peavey, Roberts and Webb being present.

Minutes of October 14, 2019, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: J. Johnson **Second:** Roberts.

Having a motion and a second, Mayor Puckett asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett welcomed BHC Commission Chairman, Mr. Steve Taylor, and BHC Commissioner, Ms. Hope Harmon, and all the many guests that were in attendance.

Mayor Puckett called attention to the administrative report. He mentioned the many activities going on in Fitzgerald and asked to pay special attention to the Tourism, Arts and Culture Calendar of events.

Reports of standing committees were given by their chairperson.

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

Ordinance 19-1548: An Ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley at West Central Avenue between City lot 7 and City Lot 8 and lot 21 and Lot 22 all in square 15, block 6, in the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia; to sell and convey the right of way of said alley to the adjoining landowner, 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 alley.

Motion to dispense with full reading: Griffin

Second: Webb

With no discussion, **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Approval of Ordinance 19-1548

Motion: Webb

Second: Roberts

With no discussion, **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Ordinance 19-1549: An ordinance to amend section 23-1, "Broadband Networks" of Article 1, "In General" of Chapter 23, "Utilities" of the code of ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Webb

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Approval of Ordinance 19-1549

Motion: Webb

Second: Roberts

With no discussion, **Roll Call Vote 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Ordinance Caption: To amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to 3.05 acres, more or less, in five-acre tracts 1200 and 1201 land lot number 91, in the third land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located at 102 Sadie Street, Fitzgerald, Georgia, 31750, and the public road right of way adjacent thereto; to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia; to rezone said property from G-B (county) to G-B (city).

Under new business, Mayor Puckett gave an update regarding the construction of the chicken. Mayor Puckett stated that the associated press got the story and we have been featured in newspapers such as USA Today, The New York Times, The LA Times, and papers in Texas, Connecticut, India and China. The chicken is garnering attention. Mayor Puckett also stated he has been featured on the radio in Texas and St. Louis. The Wall Street Journal will be featuring the project on its front page as a feature story.

The time frame of the project is unknown. Topiary Joe will be here in the next few weeks to begin his part in the project. This should be to watch.

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



Christina Ward

CITY CLERK

APPROVED: *J. Puckett*

MAYOR