

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Mayor and Council**  
**City of Fitzgerald, Georgia**  
**October 14, 2019**  
**6:00 pm**

A public hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, October 14, 2019.

A **Public Hearing** was held for AsystYou, LLC. They are applying for a RLF for up to \$68,000.00. The purpose of this hearing will be to inform citizens of the most current RLF application received and review the progress of previous EIP and/or RLF applications.

No one came to speak on this public hearing. The hearing was closed.

A **Public Hearing** was held for Austin Oliver, LLC. They are applying for a RLF loan for up to \$82,000.00. The purpose of this hearing will be to inform citizens of the most current RLF application received and review the progress of previous EIP and/or RLF applications. No one came to speak on this public hearing. The 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, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Roberts and Webb being present.

Minutes of September 9, 2019, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval. **Motion:** Griffin; **Second:** J. Johnson. 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: 5 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett called on Stacie Mims, CEO for Dorminy Medical Center. Mrs. Mims is hopeful for a good bottom line for 2019. She presented many positive reasons for the good year such as the senior geriatric unit, primary care facilities and the DMC Family practice facilities as well as impressive hospital indicators. Mayor Puckett thanked her for sharing and being such a vital role in our community.

Mayor Puckett called attention to reports of City Officers. He called special attention to the calendar events. Chief Smallwood pinned new officer, Logan Sapp. Officer Sapp recently graduated the police academy. Officer Sapp was 2<sup>nd</sup> in firearms and also was voted by the class to receive the class flag which is an extremely high honor. Officer Sapp received a standing ovation.

Reports of standing committees were given by their chairperson.

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

**Ordinance Caption:** to close permanently for all purposes that portion of the public alley between city lot 7 and city lot 8 and between city lot 21 and city lot 22 in square 15., block 6, in the city of Fitzgerald, Ben hill County Georgia; to sell and convey the right of way of said alley to the adjoining landowners, 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.

**Ordinance Caption:** 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.

**Resolution R19-016:** Hazard mitigation plan update: to be eligible for federal disaster assistance in the event of a presidentially declared disaster and mitigation assistance under the hazard Mitigation Grant programs, local government must have adopted or by actively developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared in accordance with federal regulation promulgated pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Dispense with full reading motion: Roberts;  
Seconded: Griffin

**With no discussion, Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

**Approval of Resolution R19-016:**

Motion to approve: Webb  
Seconded: J Johnson

**With no discussion, Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under new business, Mayor Puckett asked for consideration for the RLF loan to AsystYou to be approved.

Motion to approved: Griffin

Second: Roberts

Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion; with none heard:

**Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, Motion approved.**

Mayor Puckett asked for consideration for the RLF loan to Austin Oliver be approved.

Motion to approved: Roberts

Second: Griffin

Mayor Puckett asked if there was any discussion; with none heard:

**Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain. Motion approved.** J. Johnson abstained.

Kathy Young, Deputy Administrator of Finance and Public Safety, mentioned that congratulations go to Chief Smallwood and the staff of the Fitzgerald Police Department for the renewal of the state certification. Chief Smallwood noted of the 628 agencies, 131 are state certified and 19 of the certified are below I-16. This is a great accomplishment.

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



**CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED:**

**MAYOR**