

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
October 10, 2016
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 Masee presiding and with Council members Coney, Griffin, Jefferson, Jones, Tillman and Williams being present.

Minutes of September 12, 2016, Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Council Person Williams. Having a motion and a second, Mayor Masee asked if there were any additions or corrections. With none being heard, called for a **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee welcomed the visitors and guest in attendance.

Mayor Masee called on guests from Dorminy Medical Center to make a presentation. Stacie Mims, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer for Dorminy Medical Center, presented a powerpoint hand out. This handout is a summary of capital needs for the next five years. Mrs. Mims asked that Mayor and Council please review and contact her with any questions.

Paige Wynn, Chief Financial Officer for Dorminy Medical Center, reviewed the past three year history of financials for the facility. 2014-2016 financials were compared and show that Dorminy Medical Center is moving in a positive direction financially. Projects are being worked on to bring the facility into self-sustainability without the use of reserve funds.

Vanessa Melton, Chair of the Hospital Authority, thanked Mayor Masee and Council for the opportunity to come and share about Dorminy Medical Center. Ms. Melton asked for consideration from an economic development standpoint to invest in the hospital with consideration of SPLOST funds. Ms. Melton stated that we want our hospital to be a viable part of our community.

Mayor Masee called on Council Person Charles Coney, Hallock Martin, Roffie Sheppard, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Neesa Williams, to come forward for a presentation. Mr. Coney presented a certificate of appreciation by the executive & organizing committee of the 26th Japan-America Grassroots Summit 2016 in Greater Atlanta. Host families and volunteers in Fitzgerald were recognized for their efforts in promoting friendship between the people of Japan and Georgia.

Mr. Coney explained that this involvement is a cultural, non-government based, humanitarian coalition. Planning for this began over one year ago. Governor Deal wanted the delegation to see more of Georgia. After coming up short from larger cities, Mr. Coney contacted Mayor Masee about Fitzgerald hosting. We had 5 Japanese visitors in Fitzgerald who experienced great host families, our chickens and our balanced community. Mr. Coney stated that during closing ceremonies in Atlanta our visitors were proudly showing off their Fitzgerald Purple Hurricane shirts.

Mayor Masee called on Deputy Administrator Kathy Young. Mrs. Young stated that several weeks ago we experienced straight line winds with a storm that left the grounds at Meadow Run

apartments in disarray. Mrs. Young was approached by two police officers, Barrett Parr and Chris Griffin about coordinating a volunteer group to help clean up the grounds. With the initiative of these officers, a volunteer group was formed. Mrs. Young stated that on the day of the clean-up, she was amazed at those who volunteered their time to come and clean up the grounds. As a token of appreciation to the 18 volunteers, a certificate of appreciation was presented to each volunteer.

A communication was read from Cam Jordan in reference to his recent surgery.

Under Reports of City Officers, Mayor Masee invited everyone to review the Administrative Report. Mayor Masee asked that everyone view the Fire Department report special note from Chief Dobbins. With no questions or comments regarding the administrative report, we moved to reports of standing committee.

Reports of standing committees were given by their respective chairperson.

Mayor Masee mentioned that part of his charter responsibilities require him to review the books of officers of the city and report any irregularities to the council. In reviewing records for the Grand Theatre, financial irregularities were discovered and remain under review.

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance #16-1487**, an ordinance to amend Article 1, "In General" of Chapter 9, "Court" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald regarding Failure to Appear.

Council Person Coney made a motion to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve **Ordinance #16-1487**, seconded by Council Person Williams. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Ordinance #16-1488**, an Ordinance to amend Article II, "Malt Beverages and Wine" and Article III, "Spirituos Liguors", both of Chapter 4 "Alcoholic Beverages" regarding security camera requirements. Motion was made by Council Person Coney to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Jones. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 6Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve **Ordinance #16-1488**, seconded by Council Person Griffin. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes, 1 No. Motion Approved. Alex Tillman voting No.**

City Attorney, Gill Braddy, presented **Resolution #R16-014**, a resolution to authorize negotiation between the City of Fitzgerald and the Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners regarding Service Delivery Strategy and to establish a procedure for such negotiation. A motion was made by Council Person Coney to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Jones. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Masee entertained a motion for approval. Council Person Coney made a motion to approve **Resolution # R16-014**, seconded by Council Person Williams. With no discussion, moved to a **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All if favor, motion approved.**

Under new business, Mayor Masee stated that we have a contract for the Depot Renovation. This has been in works for some time now and the contract has been approved by the sponsor agency. With the price above the threshold for administrative staff approval, it is being recommended to Council for approval to execute this contract. A motion was made by Council Person Coney to approve the contract for the Depot Renovations, seconded by Council Person Williams. With no discussion, moved to **Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No**. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Masee mentioned the loss of former Council Member, Mr. John Hageman. Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Masee noted that our own Council Member, Jason Holt, was named as a Georgia Trend Magazine 40 under 40 recipient. This is a big honor for Mr. Holt and for the City of Fitzgerald. Please congratulate Mr. Holt on his accomplishment.

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

APPROVED:

(SEAL)

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK