

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia  
April 10, 2023  
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. Mayor Holt sent his condolence to the Jefferson Family in the loss of their sister.

Minutes of March 13, 2023, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval.

**Motion:** Roberts

**Second:** J. Johnson

No discussion.

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

Mayor Holt called upon Fire Chief Rusty Seaver to come forward. Chief Seaver asked for Hunter Gallagher to come forward. Hunter just completed the fire academy and is now a firefighter. Chief Seaver presented and pinned Hunter with his badge.

Mayor Holt called upon Police Chief William Smallwood to come forward. Chief Smallwood asked Ty Griffith and Kevin Griffith to come forward. Chief Smallwood noted that Ty just graduated the police academy and is our newest officer. Chief Smallwood asked Ty's father, Kevin, to place the pin on him.

A communication was read from the Jefferson Family.

Council member Barry Peavey spoke briefly about this year's successful chicken festival. In spite of the weather we had a good crowd. We had good cooperation with the City and downtown businesses. He thanked the following:

Kathy Young, David Walker, Mike Jay and all of public works

Stacy Ruis with the antique tractors

Brandy Elrod and the arts festival

Chief Smallwood and the police department

The Humane Society for their good job and they also received \$5000.00 from festival proceeds

This was the 25<sup>th</sup> chicken festival.

Councilman Peavey took this time to thank everyone during his time out with surgery.

Under reports of city officers: city administration got you registered for the summer GMA conference but this was a nightmare. Everyone is somewhere however.

Under the administrative report: Grants we received a \$30,000 grant from the Atlanta Humane Society. Councilman Albert Webb put us onto a Kubota Grant and we submitted this and we will hear from this is July.

DLS spring sports are underway.

We have two new police officers.

Public Works we have a new K Truck to be arriving any day.

Parks are underway.

Youth Flight experience with Art Anderson went well and they received publicity from Moody Air Force Base.

We have a new fire fighter.

We have a new permitting system and a new cemetery system to be coming.

In two and a half minutes, 6000 eggs were found.

We have an upcoming marathon, bike race and youth art camp.

Please read the administrative report and if you have any questions please ask. We thank the department heads for submitting this information.

We should have March financial information by the end of the week.

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

**Ordinance 23-1590** An Ordinance to amend section 17-17 "Parking, Standing regulations at specific locations" of Article 1, "In General" of chapter 17, "motor vehicles and traffic" 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: 9 Yes; 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt asked if there was any discussion: Councilman Roberts inquired about this ordinance and this is to enforce opposite way parking and this will now keep charges in the city.

**Motion** to approve: J. Johnson

**Second:** Roberts

**With no discussion; Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes; 0 No. All in favor, motion approved**

**Resolution R23-003:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia ("City") agreeing to participate in the National TEVA, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart settlements and agreeing to be bound by an anticipated memorandum of understanding between the State of Georgia and Georgia Subdivisions regarding the National TEVA, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart settlements.

**Motion to dispense with full reading:** Roberts

**Second:** Webb

Mayor Holt clarified that we have done this before with distributors but this is the first with pharmacies in a class action group.

**Motion to approve:** Roberts

**Second:** J. Johnson

**With no discussion: Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under new business, Mayor Holt mentioned that with the resignation of Jeff Parmer and his move closer to Columbus and family, we would like to consider appointing Gary Mimbs as the new City Chaplain.

**Motion to accept appointment:** Peavey

**Second:** Roberts

**With no discussion: Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Councilman Kevin Johnson mentioned singlewide trailers in the City Limits. Discussion ensued on the zoning for mobile homes. A copy of the zoning ordinance was asked to be sent to the council so it can be reviewed at the next council meeting.

Mayor Holt mentioned that this Friday, April 14, the City Hall office will be in a staff training workday. There will be no walk in or telephone service this day.

Georgia Cities week is April 23 – 29.

City Administrator Kathy Young, on behalf of the Humane Society to Barry and the Chicken Festival we thank you for all you have done.

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



*Christina Kwan*

**CITY CLERK**

APPROVED: *Jose R. Holt*

**MAYOR**