

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
April 11, 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, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey and Roberts being present.

A moment of silence was observed to remember Mr. Albert Webb's family in the passing of his mother.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone in attendance. He thanked the council and department heads for a very productive day on Saturday at our retreat. Mayor Holt mentioned that some of the ideas that were mentioned are already in place.

Minutes of March 28, 2022, Regular Council meeting and public hearings were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: Peavey

Second: Brown

No discussion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt called on Mr. Jim Connell to come and speak. Mr. Connell spoke about having a bike park. He mentioned the exercise aspect and having a place to learn how to use mountain bikes and BMX bikes. This could go by the skate park with a few loads of dirt involved.

Mayor Holt called on Mr. Bergeron. Mr. Bergeron handed out a flyer for the upcoming skate day on April 30 from 2 – 6 pm. He encouraged everyone to come out and support.

In the administrative report, Mayor Holt brought up several highlights:

- We closed out the Hurricane Irma FEMA grant
- Our new health insurance took effect April 1. We were able to get a lower payment for the employees and a good insurance policy.
- We are working on a Faith community leader seminar with homeland security coordinators in conjunction with the county
- Police have noted there are fake \$100 dollar bills out and about
- The new pumps at the overpass are functioning with just a few small maintenance items remaining to be done
- The youth flight and sky dive events went well for us
- Rentals in our buildings are on the come back
- The bike ride and marathon were this past weekend. Brandy said there were 150 bikes in this event.
- Georgia Cities Week is coming soon and we will talk more about that

We moved onto reports from standing committees.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented the following Resolution:

Resolution R22-005: A Resolution of the City of Fitzgerald recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 24-30, 2022, and encouraging all residents to support the celebration and corresponding activities.
Dispense with full reading Roberts.

Second: Clemons

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt asked for council's pleasure on this resolution.

Approval of Resolution R22-004: Peavey

Second: Roberts

Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt mentioned that the administrative report had the schedule of events for the week and that this is a good week for cities and we will push the upcoming events.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented the following **Ordinance Caption:**

An Ordinance to close permanently for all purposes that portion of the public alley that lies between city lots 12 and 13 in square 12, block 16, 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.

Mayor Holt mentioned this caption to come back at the next meeting. He mentioned this alley is under a structure that was built in 1960.

Under new business, the area on aging, we need to appoint a representative. This is an informational letter if you have any interest let me know but understand that you must be 60 or over to be on this council.

We took a look at several ordinances at the second meeting in March so we don't have much for this meeting. Mayor Holt opened the floor to council if there was anything to share.

Council Person, Barry Peavey, said this was the first time in 25 years he had not been at the chicken festival and it went just fine. He thanked Brandy Elrod, David Walker and Staff, and Chief Smallwood and the police department for all their hard work that they did for the event. Rain did not deter and appreciated everyone's involvement.

Council Person, Jimmy Johnson, thanked the mayor for the very informative retreat all day on Saturday. It was a productive day.

Mayor Holt asked if Department heads had anything to offer. Mayor Holt thanked them for the job they do.

Mayor Holt did mention that one item of interest from the retreat has been addressed. The council packets included a listing of all council members information for everyone to have.

The FCA Banquet is Thursday night and the city has a table. We have 5 tickets remaining. Please see Cristina Evans if you would like a ticket.

Mayor Holt thanked everyone again for being here tonight.

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



The seal is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "CITY OF FITZGERALD, GEORGIA" at the top and "1896" at the bottom. Inside the ring, the word "CORPORATE" is at the top, "SEAL" is in the center, and "ATTEST" is at the bottom. A small star is positioned between "ATTEST" and the bottom edge of the seal.

Christina Evans

CITY CLERK

APPROVED: *Jason Holt*

MAYOR