Minutes of Regular Meeting Mayor and Council City of Fitzgerald, Georgia June 14, 2021 6:00 pm

A Public Hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, June 14, 2021.

A **Public Hearing** was held as the City of Fitzgerald has applied to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for a Community Facilities Grant. A requirement of funding is that a public hearing be held for any interested city resident to ask questions concerning this project. The grant is for replacement of the flooding pumps located at the underpass. With there being no discussion, the public hearing was closed.

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 Puckett presiding and with Council members Griffin, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Roberts, and Webb being present.

Mayor Puckett welcomed everyone in attendance. He also thanked all the department heads for their attendance.

Roll Call

Minutes of April 26, 2021, regular meeting was presented. Mayor Puckett asked for approval of these minutes.

Motion: Griffin Second: Roberts

With no discussion, called for Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes. 9 No. All in favor motion approved.

Minutes of May 10, 2021, regular meeting was presented. Mayor Puckett asked for approval of these minutes.

Motion: J. Johnson Second: Webb

With no discussion, called for Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes. 0 No. All in favor motion approved.

Attention was called to the administrative report. Please note that the July 4^{th} activities will be held downtown this year. We will host most activities but not all as in the past. There will be an additional parade for golf carts and bikes. The fireworks will continue to be held at Paulk Park.

Reports of standing committees was given.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented the following Ordinances:

<u>Resolution R21-004</u>: A Resolution to authorize the City of Fitzgerald to enter a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide afterschool care services through the Monitor Enrichment Program.

Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Griffin

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

Mayor Puckett call for approval of R21-004.

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

With no discussion: Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.

<u>Resolution R21-005</u>: A Resolution to adopt the 2021 Joint update to the Joint Comprehensive plan of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia and Ben Hill county, Georgia.

Motion to dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: K. Johnson

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

Mayor Puckett call for approval of R21-005.

Motion: Roberts Second: Webb

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

<u>Ordinance Caption</u>: an Ordinance to authorize an agreement between the city of Fitzgerald, Georgia, and the Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County, Georgia and the Ben Hill County, Georgia Board of Elections to facilitate electronic voting at all elections to be conducted by the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, For the remainder of 2021 election cycle; to provide for the duties and responsibilities to be discharged by the respective parties to said agreement; to provide payment for services to be rendered and equipment to be used.

Under new business: Mayor Puckett asked for the reappointment for Jack Paulk to the

Downtown Development Authority.

Motion to approve: Griffin

Second: Roberts

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

Mayor Puckett thanked the department heads for all their good work for the city.

Mayor Puckett also noted that Monday, June 21, 2021, will be the first meeting of the Ministerial Roundtable. We are still sending invitations. This will meet once per quarter to help open lines of communication in the community. Mayor Puckett invited the council to attend and requested they let him know if they do as the meal will be catered.

Kevin Johnson mentioned the Men of Vision Juneteenth festival to be held Saturday with music and activities. Then Sunday, Praise in the Park at the Blue and Gray Park. Please come and join.

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



MAYOR

APPROVED: