Minutes of Called Teleconference Meeting Mayor and Council City of Fitzgerald, Georgia March 23, 2020 4:00 pm

Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, met in a *Called Teleconference* meeting in the City Hall administrative conference room, located on the first floor at 302 East Central Avenue, with Mayor Puckett presiding and with Council members Brown, Griffin, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts, and Webb being present. The call also included Tim Anderson. Also present was City Attorney Kyle Cook.

Mayor Puckett called the meeting to order.

Mayor Puckett said that he, Kathy and Cam met with BHC Officials. Discussion was regarding the current COVID-19 outbreak. The outcome was a declaration that was a strong request for the City and County business and constituents to abide by to aid in offsetting further spread of the virus. At the present time, this declaration outlined a conservative method for our community to continue business operations. There is a curfew from 9:00 pm until 5:00 am unless an "exempted individual" that is outlined in the declaration.

Mayor Puckett noted that Kathy sent this declaration to all council and local newspaper for review. A typographical error on page 2, section 2, was noted prior to any further discussion and will be noted for correction with the BHC Commission.

Mayor Puckett called on City Attorney, Kyle Cook.

Mr. Cook presented <u>Declaration 2020-01</u>: A declaration of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia and the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Ben Hill County, Georgia declaring a public health state of emergency related to COVID-19.

Dispense with full reading: Roberts

Second: Griffin

No discussion. Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No. Motion approved. Dennis Jefferson voting No.

Mayor Puckett requested approval. Motion to approve: J. Johnson

Second: Roberts

No discussion. Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mayor Puckett noted that Governor Kemp will have a press conference at 5:00pm today. This will be watched by administration and if any further action needs to be taken, information will be sent all council.

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

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