

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Council  
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia  
September 12, 2022  
6:00 pm**

A Public Hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, September 12, 2022.

A **Public Hearing** was held to give consideration to application number 0141 by Eddie Cotton, for an amendment of the zoning ordinance for the city of Fitzgerald. It is requested to rezone 0.31 acres of said property, located at 605 N. Main Street, from P city to GB city. With no one to comment the public hearing was closed.

A **Public Hearing** was held to give consideration to the 2022 tax levy. This tax levy is to meet the ordinary current and extraordinary expenses of the City of Fitzgerald. This levy was for 12.00 mills. With no one to comment 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 Holt presiding and with Council members Brown, Clemons, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts, and Webb being present.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone.

Minutes of August 8, 2022, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval.

**Motion:** Webb

**Second:** Brown

No discussion.

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

City Clerk mentioned that there is a survey for WLB that needs to be filled out and then signed before leaving the meeting tonight.

Mayor Holt called on Jonathan Burgeron to come and speak. Jonathan spoke on the skate park. The last event had around 50 people in attendance. There are videos on YouTube to see and he invited everyone to go and review. There could be some money spent on renovations to the park. These renovations are budget friendly and could have volunteers to help with them. There will be another event in 2 weeks. Mayor Holt appreciates all the work they have done with the skate park.

Reports of city officers were given.

Mayor Holt mentioned highlights from the administrative report.

There are grants that are helping the revenues at the present time. The software program is ready to go and should streamline the process on taxes. There are lots of grants in the pipeline that are currently being worked on. DLS is in the middle of a busy sports season. The police department

will be busy with state certification this week and know they will do well. The new garbage truck is here and in service. If anyone contacts you regarding the cemetery and the parks, we are working with our contractor regarding the grass in these areas. With the amount of rain, we have had the grass grows quickly. We are experimenting with spraying at this time. There will be a fly in at the airport the day of the fall festival. The fire department fencing is going in at this time. Community development remains busy.

Standing committee reports were given.

Council person Dennis Jefferson stated he is on the age and disability committee so if you have any questions on this please let him know.

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

**Ordinance 22-1578:** An Ordinance levying a tax to meet the ordinary current and extraordinary expenses of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, for the year 2022.

**Dispense** with full reading: Roberts

**Second:** J. Johnson

**Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Mayor Holt called for approval of the ordinance.

**Approval** of Ordinance 22-1578 J. Johnson

**Second:** Roberts

**Roll Call Vote:8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

**Ordinance 22-1579:** An Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to lots numbers 3 & 4 in square number 9, in block number 3 of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, formerly Irwin, now Ben Hill County, as shown by the plat of said city made by or for the American Tribune Soldiers Colony company of file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior court of Irwin County, Georgia, located at 605 N. Main Street, Fitzgerald Ga 31750, in the city of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill county, Georgia: to rezone said property from P City to G-B City.

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

**Second:** Webb

**Roll Call Vote:** 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt called for approval of the ordinance.

Discussion: This is the multicolored building behind the old Carter's and they want to re-open. This is zoned P but need to be GB to open as a beauty salon.

**Approval** of Ordinance 22-1579 D. Jefferson

**Second:** Webb

**Roll Call Vote:** 8 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt mentioned that the next two items are captions. These captions were revised from last month for re-wording due to changes and we will start over by reading captions.

**Ordinance Caption:** An Ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley between city lots 12 and 13 in square 1, block 12, 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.

**Ordinance Caption:** An Ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley between city lots 4 and 5 in square 9, block 9 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.

Under New Business:

Council Person Jimmy Johnson mentioned that the American Flags you see around town were put out by the local 4-H club under the direction of Thomas Holt. They borrow these flags from the American Legion. The 4-H club will soon start a campaign to help raise money for their own flags.

Council Person Sheila Jefferson asked about the drainage issues on Palm Street, specifically 806 E Palm St. Could the residents put up their own rocks and sandbags to help with the water. David Walker said that they could not as this would push the water into the street and that is not safe.

Brandy Elrod mentioned that September 24 is the Fall Festival with the antique tractor show. They have roughly 40 vendors at this time. The times for the Saturday event are 10-4. There will also be a fly-in at the airport that day. Music will be provided all day long at the festival.

Mayor Holt mentioned the renovations to the council chambers by Willie T. Jackson.


Mayor Holt reminded council of the October 15 retreat which is a follow up from the spring retreat.

Mayor Holt also shared with Mr. Tim Anderson the city's condolences on the death of Becky Anderson. Becky was a third-generation operator of the Herald Leader that goes back to 1916.

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



**CITY CLERK**

APPROVED:  
  
MAYOR