

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
September 13, 2021
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 Puckett presiding and with Council members Brown, Griffin, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts, and Webb being present.

Mayor Puckett welcomed everyone.

Roll Call

Regular meeting minutes for August 23, 2021, were presented.

Motion: Webb

Second: Brown

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

Hearing from citizens and visitors. Mayor Puckett called upon Ricky Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson spoke regarding his musical achievements that have remained unmatched for 50 years. He shared his awards and proclamations received during this time. Mayor Puckett complimented Mr. Jefferson on his long-standing achievements.

Attention was called to the administrative report. Please note the calendar items. October 6 will be coffee with a cop, sponsored by GoFroe.

Reports of standing committees was given. Council Person Jefferson thanked everyone for assisting with the cemetery street signage.

Reports of Special Committees presented by Councilman Tommy Roberts.

- Beer and wine off premises for Lil Pantry #9 at 801 S Sherman Street. They are under new ownership.
- This application has been through the proper channels of the Sheriff and Police departments, zoning and administration.

Motion to accept this application: T. Roberts.

Second Webb

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

Mayor Puckett wanted to explain that anyone can apply for an annexation and rezone. This does not mean we are for or against. Regarding applications on annexations and rezonings, these will go before the planning and zoning committee for a recommendation or vote down. Then these recommendations come to the council for final say.

Also, the Wall Street Journal has contacted Mayor Puckett wanting a follow up story on the completion of the chicken topiary. We also got notice that we will be in the state travel guide.

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

Ordinance Caption: An Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to 1.0256 acres, more or less, in land lot number 91, in the third land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located 134 Ocilla Highway, Fitzgerald, Georgia, 31750, and the public road right of way adjacent thereto: to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the city of Fitzgerald, Georgia; to rezone said property from G-B (County) to G-B (City).

Ordinance Caption: An Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to lot number 9 in square number 5, in block number 5 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 815 W. Oconee Street, Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750, in the City of Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County, Georgia; to rezone said property from R-6 (City) to G-B (City).

Ordinance Caption: An Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald zoning district map with respect to 38.22 acres, more or less, in land lots numbers 90 and 303, in the third and fourth land districts respectively of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located on Benjamin H. Hill Drive SW, Fitzgerald, Georgia, 31750, and the public road right of way adjacent thereto; to annex said property to the existing corporate limits of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia; to rezone tract 1 of said property from G-F (County) to G-B (City); to rezone tract 2 of said property from G-F (County) to MHP (City); to rezone tract 3 of said property from G-F (County) G-B (City)

Resolution R21-012: A Resolution of the mayor and council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, amending the existing City of Fitzgerald Budget.

Dispense with full reading:

Motion: Roberts

Second: Webb

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

Mayor Puckett asked for Approval of Resolution R21-012:

Motion to approve: J. Johnson

Second: Webb

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

Under new business:

Mayor Puckett called for approval to enter into the contract for the City to sign for their FY2022 project, Design Airfield Electrical Rehabilitation.

Motion: Griffin

Second: Brown

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

Mayor Puckett called for approval to enter into the contract for the City of Fitzgerald/GDOT ARPA contract for Airport Covid funding.

Motion: Peavey

Second: Webb

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

Mayor Puckett called for approval of the application for the tree cutting at 228 N. Grant Street.

Motion: Webb

Second: Roberts

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

Mayor Puckett called for the reappointment of Mary Helen Brown as Fitzgerald housing authority resident commissioner for 1 year.

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: Webb

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

Mayor Puckett called for the reappointment of Rick Bostelman for a 5-year term on the Fitzgerald housing authority board.

Motion: Griffin

Second: J. Johnson

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

Mayor Puckett called for the approval of the IGA for L&A for the November election.

Motion: Webb

Second: Brown.

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

Council Person J. Johnson wanted to acknowledge the flags that were put out by Thomas Holt and 4-H Club for the 9-11 Memorial. Mayor Puckett did commend this act on Facebook. It was mentioned to have a letter of recognition for the 4H for doing this project. Also, the flags were flown at half-mast.

Deputy Administrator Cam Jordan thanked the council for their commitment for what was done regarding the salaries with the ARPA funding.

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



Cristina Evans

CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

J. Puckett

MAYOR