

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
September 14, 2020
6:00 pm**

A Public Hearing took place at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, on Monday, September 14, 2020.

A **Public Hearing** was held to discuss the millage rate to meet the ordinary, current and extraordinary expenses for the city of Fitzgerald. With no one to speak, 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 Brown, Griffin, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts, and Webb being present.

Minutes of August 10, 2020, Regular Council meeting were reviewed. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval.

Motion: Griffin

Second: Webb

No discussion.

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

Mayor Puckett welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mayor Puckett called on Mr. Clifford Bernard to come and speak. Mr. Bernard of 118 Cortez Court spoke in regards to his encounters with Deputy Administrator Cam Jordan. Mr. Bernard stated he was cursed out and all in part due to a property line issue and signage issues at 919 N. Grant Street. Mayor Puckett stated that he would get with Mr. Bernard and Mr. Jordan and set up another meeting to discuss these issues.

Mayor Puckett called attention to the Administrative Report and the full calendar of events. Mayor Puckett reminded everyone of the upcoming 3rd Thursday events this week.

Mayor Puckett turned the meeting over to Deputy Administrator Kathy Young. Mrs. Young called on Police Chief Bill Smallwood. Chief Smallwood acknowledged the promotion pinning's of four officers: Curt Coalson and Austin Mykytka to Sergeant; Brian Sumner to Captain; and Justin McCrimmon to drug agent. All of these men have served our community well and done excellent jobs. Congratulations.

Reports of standing committees were given by the respective chairperson.

City attorney, Kyle Cook, presented the following Ordinances:

Ordinance 20-1556: An **Ordinance** levying a tax to meet the ordinary current and extraordinary expenses of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, for the year 2020.

Dispense with full reading.

Motion: Roberts

Second: Peavey

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

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Ordinance 20-1556:**

Motion: Webb

Second: K. Johnson

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No. Motion Approved. Roberts voting No.**

Ordinance 20-1557: An **Ordinance** to sell and convey a portion of that certain right of way of Stuart Way previously closed by Ordinance number 18-1529 to the adjoining landowners, 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 right of way.

Dispense with full reading:

Motion: Roberts

Second: Griffin

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Ordinance 20-1557:**

Motion: Griffin

Second: Webb

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

Ordinance 20-1558: An Ordinance to amend section 12-11, "Collection Fees – Established" of Chapter 12, "Garbage, Trash and Weeds" of the code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Dispense with full reading:

Motion: Roberts

Second: Brown

Mayor Puckett asked for approval of **Ordinance 20-1558:**

Motion: D. Jefferson

Second: Griffin

With no discussion: **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No. Motion Approved. Roberts voting No.**

City attorney, Kyle Cook, presented the following **Ordinance Captions:**

- An Ordinance to amend the City of Fitzgerald Zoning district map with respect to 1044 acres, more or less, in land lot number 302, in the fourth land district of Ben Hill County, Georgia, located on Benjamin H. Hill Drive, Fitzgerald, GA 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).
- An Ordinance to amend Chapter 17, "Motor vehicles and traffic" of the code of ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, specifically article I. "In General," regarding the regulation of motorized carts and/or personal transportation vehicles.
- An Ordinance to provide for the requirement of wearing masks or face coverings in public during the COVID-19 outbreak.

City attorney, Kyle Cook, presented the following **Resolutions:**

Resolution R20-015: A **Resolution** of the Mayor and Council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, approving the second amendment to the intergovernmental agreement executed between the Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond Commission and the cities of Adel, Barnesville, Fitzgerald, Forsyth, Jackson, Monticello and Sylvania, Georgia for the providing of electric services to Blockstream USA Corporation; authorizing the execution and delivery of the second amendment; and for other purposes.

Dispense with full reading:

Motion: Roberts

Second: Griffin

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

Mayor Puckett called for approval of **Resolution R20-015.**

Motion: Webb

Second: Griffin

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

Resolution R20-016: A **Resolution** of the Mayor and council of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, requiring the use of masks or face coverings in the property owned by or leased by the City of Fitzgerald during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Dispense with full reading:

Motion: Roberts

Second: Brown

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

Mayor Puckett called for approval of **Resolution R20-016.**

Motion: Peavey

Second: J. Johnson

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

Resolution R20-017: A Resolution to establish the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, as a Military Friendly Community.

Mayor Puckett called for approval of **Resolution R20-017.**

Motion: J. Johnson

Second: Griffin

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

Under New Business, Mayor Puckett asked for consideration to reappoint Melissa Burgess and Patricia Wilcox to the Housing authority board for another 5-year term.

Motion: Peavey

Second: Brown

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

Mayor Puckett asked for consideration to reappoint Mary Helen Brown for a 1-year resident commission term.

Motion: Webb


Second: J. Johnson

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

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



Cristina Adams

APPROVED: 
MAYOR