Minutes of Regular Meeting Mayor and Council City of Fitzgerald, Georgia September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held to receive citizens input on the **2019 tax levy**. With there being no one present to address or speak on the 2019 tax levy, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor and Council met on Monday, September 09<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chamber, located at 302 East Central Avenue, with Mayor Jim Puckett presiding and with Council members Griffin, Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Roberts, Webb and Williams being present.

Minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council meeting were read. Mayor Puckett entertained a motion for approval. Council Person J. Johnson made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Council Person Williams. With there being no additions or corrections, Mayor Puckett called for a *Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.* 

Mayor Puckett welcomed all guests and asked that Philip Jay approach the podium to address Mayor and Council. Mr. Jay presented and read a draft resolution to all present which addressed concerns of the Garden Foundation. Jay further stated he would like for Mayor Puckett to appoint a committee to research and report back to Council with the committee consisting of Cam Jordan, Mike Dinnerman and Kyle Cook.

A communication was read from Mrs. Sally G. Jones and Family.

Under **reports of city officers**, Mayor Puckett called attention to the Administrative Report and calendar of events. There were no questions or comments for the Department Heads.

Reports of **standing committees** were given by their respective chairperson.

City Attorney Kyle Cook presented **Ordinance # 19-1545** an ordinance levying a tax to meet the ordinary current and extraordinary expenses of the City of Fitzgerald. Council Person Roberts made a motion to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. With there being no discussion, *Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.* 

Council Person Williams made a motion to approve **Ordinance # 19-1545**, seconded by Council Person J. Johnson. With there being no discussion, *Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.* 

City Attorney Kyle Cook presented **Ordinance # 19-1546** an ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley at 312 West Central Avenue between City Lot 7 and City

Lot 8 in square 2, block 10, in the City of Fitzgerald. Council Person Roberts made a motion to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. With there being no discussion, *Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.* 

Council Person J. Johnson made a motion to approve **Ordinance # 19-1546**, seconded by Council Person Webb. With there being no discussion, *Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved*.

City Attorney Kyle Cook presented **Ordinance # 19-1547** an ordinance to close to vehicular traffic that portion of the public alley between city lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 and city lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 in square 2, block 10 in the City of Fitzgerald. Council Person Roberts made a motion to dispense with the full reading, seconded by Council Person Griffin. With there being no discussion, *Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.* 

Council Person Griffin made a motion to approve **Ordinance # 19-1547**, seconded by Council Person Webb. With there being no discussion, *Roll Call Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved*.

Under new business, Mayor Puckett recognized candidates and others present at the meeting, and stated that Deputy Administrator Cam Jordan wanted to share information in regards to campaign signs and other signs. Jordan stated that an article would be in the newspaper next week sharing the restrictions on where signs could not be placed. Any signs on city property or right of ways would be picked up by the Code Enforcement Officer.

**Council Person Neesa Williams** asked to address Mayor and Council. Williams approached podium and read her **resignation letter** from her seat at council due to moving outside the corporate limits. Resignation is effective September 9, 2019. Council Person Roberts stated it had been an honor to serve with Williams and appreciated all her help. A standing ovation was provided to Williams as she was seated.

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

APPROVED

MAYOR

ATTEST: