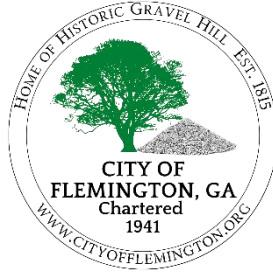


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 12th, 2023 at 4:30 pm.
Flemington City Hall – 156 Old Sunbury Rd. 31313
Public Participation in Person

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem ("MPT") David Edwards
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
Craig Stafford, City Attorney
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Telephone: Councilman Hasit Patel

(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Absent: None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at 4:34 p.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees, both in person and virtually.
3. The invocation was given by Mayor Hawkins and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by MPT Hasit Patel.
4. *MPT Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 14th, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob provided the law enforcement report for the month of November.
6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of November 2023.
7. Mayor Hawkins was presented with a video tribute, a small token of appreciation and a certificate of recognition celebrating his 30 years on the Flemington City Council.
8. Mayor Hawkins signed a Bring One for the Chipper proclamation for Keep Liberty Beautiful which was presented to Dr. Karen Bell and Chairwoman Willa Lewis.

9. NEW BUSINESS

The Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (“LCPC”) came before Council with two items of business. First, Mr. Jeff Ricketson, went over recommended changes to the sign portion of the Unified Development Ordinance (“UDO.”) The changes include directional signs for businesses and temporary signs. He was given the okay to proceed with a public hearing in January 2024 to amend the ordinance.

Ms. Mardee Sanchez came before Council with the final plat for Phase 7 of Tranquil South (also known as the Strickland plat.) It consists of 55 lots total, comprised of 55 lots total – 49 single family homes and 6 garden lots. Council inquired about additional access to the subdivision from Hwy 84 and Mr. Trent Long (Engineer for the project) stated that the state limits highway access points. The LCPC recommended approval with the special condition that no certificates of occupancy could be obtained until the detention pond is fenced. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the final plat and accept the dedications of the drainage easements with the standard and special condition. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. **Councilwoman Smiley recused herself from the conversation and vote due to conflict of interest.*

Mr. Larry Golden with Golden & Associates, CPA’s came before Council with a working trial balance for the FY23 audit. He stated that the full report was in progress and would be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs before the deadline of December 31st. He stated that new that fiscal year was the Impact Fee-funded quint fire truck purchase for the City of Hinesville.

10. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City Engineer, gave an update on the Local Mileage Improvement Grant (“LMIG”) funded full-depth reclamations of Old Sunbury Rd, Joseph Martin Rd, and Wallace Martin Rd. He reported that he had solicited prices for geotechnical samples.

No Update(s)

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd. (*next update expected in 2023*)
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold for funding*)
- City Hall Electronics Upgrade – D. Edwards

11. ON THE HORIZON

a. November 2023

- 23rd & 24th – City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving
- 27th – Tree Lighting @ City Hall

b. December 2023

- 1st – Holiday Parade
- Christmas Closures TBD

12. *Executive Session – A motion was made by Councilwoman Evans to enter Executive Session for the purposes of litigation and personnel at 5:43 pm. Regular session resumed at 6:40 pm. Mayor Hawkins stated that the City would engage with Burkhalter Law Firm, the promotion of SGT Gallob was approved, holiday bonuses were approved and the clerks merit increase approved.*

13. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to adjourn. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.*