

City of Flemington

January 14th, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Rene Harwell
Council Member Donnie Smith
Council Member David Edwards

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Craig Stafford
City Clerk Jenelle Gordon
LT Jason Colvin
Deputy Grant Porter

ABSENT: Council Member Leigh Smiley

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 4:37 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Invocation by Mayor Hawkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Edwards.
3. *Councilman Edwards motioned to dispense with the reading of the December minutes and accept them as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
4. LT Colvin was in attendance to provide council with a list of statistics for the month of December 2019. Councilman Edwards introduced Deputy Grant Porter, who was to be considered for Flemington's dedicated Sheriff's Deputy. SGT Colvin was promoted to LT and his acceptance of the position changed his place of duty. All of Council wished LT Colvin well and welcomed Deputy Porter.
5. The Liberty County Planning Commission had two items of business to present to Council.

First to address Council was Ms. Gabby Hartage with a request for temporary sign permit for Clyde Dryden at Flemington Village. The sign met all of Flemington's design standards and would be dual sided. Ms. Erin Johnson, representing Dryden Construction, stated that they would like to utilize all six months available to them per the Ordinance for the temporary sign placement. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit for Dryden Construction at Flemington Village for a period of six months. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Next, Council was apprised by Mr. Jeff Ricketson that the emergency access road on Patriots Trail (previously approved) to the Liberty Club Apartments was to serve as a second vehicular entrance. Because the access was considered a driveway and not a road, any required maintenance of the driveway would fall on the complex owners. Additionally, because of its driveway distinction, it would not be a Flemington road.

6. Council reviewed the City Expense Report for December.

***City Council Meetings are recorded and kept on file**

City of Flemington

The City Clerk updated Council as to the status of the nonpayment of October 2019's Hotel/Motel Tax by NAVKA (LaQuinta Inn & Suites). Payment had been made on December 16th, 2019. Mr. Whitford from GMA communicated that the report was filed, however, payment was not remitted. He provided NAVKA education on submitting and remitting payment.

The next item conveyed to Council was confirmation of the renewal of GMA's City of Ethics distinction. Councilman Edwards would accept the award for the city at the Cities United Summit in Atlanta and bring it back to Flemington.

Ms. Gordon then reported that in order to align the current submission date of February 23rd of each year to deliver the Annual Community Planning Update of Impact Fees to the DCA with the timeline presented in the Impact Fee Procedures Manual (pg. 53), the submission date would need to be moved to October 31st. Mr. Ross of Ross+associates drafted a letter which would be sent to the DCA requesting the change.

In conclusion, Council was presented with the Q2FY20 financial report. Both revenues and expenditures were on target, with revenue at 49% and expenditures at 44% year-to-date. There were no questions.

7. Leah Poole, CEO of the Liberty County Convention & Visitors Bureau, presented their Bi-Annual Update. Her presentation included many events, tours for new military spouses, and several publications where Liberty County had been featured.
8. New Business
 - a. Mayor Hawkins read a card from two Flemington residents, conveying the wonderful time they had at the Annual Tree Lighting Event.
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
10. Executive Session
 - a. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed at 5:26 p.m.*
 - b. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to reenter into Open Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dasher. All approved. The motion passed at 5:35 p.m.*

Mayor Hawkins announced that Deputy Porter was accepted and appointed as Flemington's new Sheriff's Deputy.
11. Adjourn – *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards. All approved. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.*