FLEMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Martin

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Hawkins Council Member Gail Evans Council Member Donnie Smith Council Member David Edwards Council Member Charles Richardson

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Sergeant Eric Allen

City Clerk Lori Taylor

ABSENT: Council Member Palmer Dasher

Attorney Craig Stafford

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Sandra Martin on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.

- 2. Invocation by Councilman David Edwards, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Mayor Pro Tem Paul Hawkins motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October meeting and accept them as presented. Councilman David Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.
- 4. Deputy Eric Allen was absent from the meeting, but did provide council with a law enforcement report for the month of November.
- 5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report for November.
- 6. LCPC Gabby Hartage
 - a. Wall Sign for Nicole Newton for Perfect Portraits photography studio at 1705 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. Ms. Hartage stated that the sign request is 60 square feet, and that it is less than the required 10 % of the wall. The sign requested is more of a banner instead of a permanent sign and that it would last approximately two to three years. Express Signs recommended the use of the vinyl banner sign rather than a permanent sign due to the construction of the overhang of the building. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins said that they could anchor through the wall for a permanent sign. Councilwoman Evans stated that they should conform to the ordinance standards and she made a motion to decline the request. Councilwoman Smith Seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed to decline the sign request.
 - b. Sign request for a sign on the glass door of a church located at 1661 H E. Oglethorpe Hwy. Ms. Hartage stated that the sign would consist of lettering on the glass door and that it does meet the size requirements. Councilwoman Smith motioned to approve the sign. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approve. Motion passed. Pastor John Williams addressed council with his vision for the church in Flemington and thanked them for their support.
- 7. Matthew Barrow Engineering Update
 - a. Mr. Barrow shared with council that the Wallace Martin turn lane project is officially complete and has been approved by DOT.

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- b. 2017 Safety LMIG Project has been out for bid. Only one bid was received, and it was above the budget. Because of the higher than expected cost, Mr. Barrow had discussed the possibility of doing rumble strips only, and to include both sides of Wallace Martin and both sides of Old Sunbury Road. The total for both roads would be \$42,350, costing the city \$12,705. Mr. Barrow stated that he already contacted DOT to ensure that it was possible with the funds, and he concluded that it is within the scope of the approved project, it would have to be under contract by the end of December, and that he would need to submit a revised plan. Mr. Barrow did have one additional thought regarding the possible rumble strips. He stated that if the city plans to resurface Wallace Martin, which is on the Capital Improvement List, within the next two to three years, then you might want to reconsider the rumble strips so as not to duplicate the same improvement twice within a short period of time. He stated that the city does not have to use the Safety LMIG funds. If the city does not contract to use the funds by the end of the year, then the state does not issue the funds. Councilman Richardson motioned to enter a contract for the rumble strip project on Wallace Martin and Old Sunbury Road. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.
- c. Mr. Barrow informed council that at the December meeting, he will present council with the Capital Improvement Project list for 2018. List must be approved and submitted by the end of December. Councilman Edwards asked Mr. Barrow about some of the roads within the city, in particular Shawn Court in Baconfield Subdivision that have deteriorated. Mr. Barrow stated that he can inspect the problem area and bring it back to council at the next meeting as well. It can be added to the Capital Improvement List if needed.
- 8. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins stated that council needs to set the date for the Holiday/Christmas Lighting Event. After some discussion of local area events already scheduled, council decided on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00 p.m. Councilwoman Evans motioned to advertise the event by the newspaper, social media, and postcard mail-outs. Seconded by Councilman Richardson. All approved. Motion passed.

9. Old/New Business

- a. Councilman Edwards shared concerns of the run-down building on Hwy.84. Mayor Pro Tem stated that he has tried to get contact information on the owners of the building. Councilwoman Smith said that the city needs to identify if they are in violation of an ordinance. Councilman Edwards suggested a legal letter be written if necessary.
- b. Councilwoman Evans asked if there were any additional updates on the curve project. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins explained that he had gotten an update from the last HAMPO meeting stating that the project is due to me contracted out in May 2019.
- c. Councilman Richardson informed council that his house has sold and the closing date is set for December 8, 2017. He is moving to Cumming, GA in Forsyth County.
- 10. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Second by Councilman Richardson. All agreed. Motion passed.