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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 14th, 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 Councilman Hasit Patel Councilwoman Leigh Smiley Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Telephone: Craig Stafford, City Attorney

(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, November 12th, 2023 at 4:30 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 Councilman Logan and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Patel.
- 4. MPT Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 10th, 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 October.
- 6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of October 2023.
- 7. Mayor Hawkins signed an America Recycles proclamation for Keep Liberty Beautiful. Dr. Karen Bell and Chairwoman Willa Lewis presented the Council with an award for "The most creative cleanup event in Liberty County."
- 8. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mardee Sanchez came before Council with the final plat for the final 31 homes in the Shadow Pointe neighborhood on Patriots Trail. Elliott from M.E. Sack's office stated that the pavement damage has been repaired on Patriots Trail and all fences were to be put in at the detention ponds in the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the final plat and accept the dedications of the drainage easements, extension of Hazy Lane and stormwater infrastructure. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

Ms. Edna Walthour with the Liberty County Boys & Girls Club ("LCB&GC") came before Council with a request of a donation and continued support for the LCB&GC. She stated that all programs at the Club were thriving and that the children's grades and behaviors have shown noticeable improvement. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to the LCB&GC from ARPA funds. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

9. <u>BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)</u>

a. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City Engineer, gave an update on the pavement projects in Flemington. Mr. Sack said that the surveying for the Local Mileage Improvement Grant ("LMIG") was complete and his team would be moving to the design phase. He hopes to have something for the Council in January 2024. He stated that the Highway 84 TSPLOST sidewalk project had reached a point that Executive Session would be needed. (Litigation.)

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

10. 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
- 11. Executive Session (if needed)
- 12. Councilwoman Evans made a motion to adjourn. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.