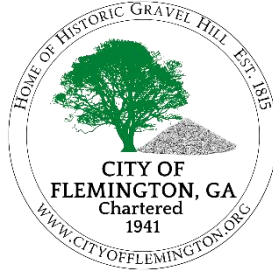


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 10th, 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
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
Craig Stafford, City Attorney
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Telephone: None
(OR ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING)

Absent: Councilwoman Gail Evans

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 4:32 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 Edwards.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 12th, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob provided the law enforcement report for the month of September. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to use ARPA funds to purchase a second law enforcement vehicle. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
6. Council reviewed the general fund transaction report and fund balances for the month of September 2023.
7. Mayor Hawkins signed a Rivers Alive proclamation for Keep Liberty Beautiful. Mr. Trip Duke with the Liberty County Emergency Management Agency accepted Certificates of Appreciation for himself and Mr. Bob Dodd for their excellent work during Hurricane Idalia.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jeff Ricketson came before Council with two matters of business. First was a business license request for the Hunter's Haven Leasing Office located at 116 Patriots Trail. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the business license. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

The second item of business was a supplemental amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance. Mr. Ricketson stated that laws had changed and the amendment was needed to bring the ordinance in compliance. The ordinance was revised to add verbiage regarding semi's and tractors no longer being allowed in single family neighborhoods. The other change is the turning radius in neighborhoods was increased from 80 ft. to 100 ft. for more room for firetrucks. Mayor Hawkins opened the floor for public hearing comments at 4:55 pm. With no one present wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the UDO amendments. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

9. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- a. Mr. Marcus Sack, the city engineer, gave an update on the sidewalks. Mr. Sack had given Bridge Capital a punch list and did not receive a response. He stated that attorneys were now involved and there is still \$181,000.00 left on the contract.

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. October 2023
- 28th – Rivers Alive Citywide Cleanup Event @ 0830
 - 26th – 29th – Robert E. Knox Fall Training Event @ Jekyll Island
- b. November 2023
- 10th – Closed in Observance of Veterans Day
 - 27th – Tree Lighting Event

11. *Executive Session (if needed)*

12. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.*