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THE CITY OF  
*Flemington*

GEORGIA

CITY HALL  
156 OLD SUNBURY ROAD  
FLEMINGTON, GA 31313

*Paul Hawkins*, MAYOR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020



**PRESENT AT CITY HALL:** Mayor Paul Hawkins  
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk  
Deputy SGT Grant Porter, Liberty County Sheriff's Office

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM:  
(VIDEO CONFERENCING)** Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher  
Council Member Gail Evans  
Council Member David Edwards  
Council Member Leigh Smiley  
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

**ABSENT:** Council Member Rene' Harwell (Attempted Zoom entry many times via Zoom, City Hall had technical issues.)

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:36 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present via Zoom video conferencing.
2. Invocation by Councilman Dasher, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Hawkins.
3. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees, both in person and on Zoom. He asked that participants keep their sound muted until they need to speak.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Councilman Dasher made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Mayor Hawkins seconded the motion. Because Mayor Hawkins and Councilman Dasher were the only members of Council in attendance, the motion passed. Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approve. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Grant Porter was in attendance to provide Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of August.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of August. The City Clerk reported that as in prior months, the hotels in Flemington had faired above the state average in revenue.
7. **New Business:**
  - a. Mr. Jeff Ricketson from the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council via Zoom and reported that the petition for zoning change to R-1 for the new Smiley subdivision on Old Sunbury Rd. was withdrawn after receiving notice from Mr. Smiley that they were seeking R-2 zoning, not R-1 as previously requested, to increase the number of homes from ten to thirteen. Mr. Ricketson stated that he would likely re-present a zoning change request at the November 2020 Council meeting which would reflect that change.

**8. Business in Progress:**

a. Status Updates

- i. Ms. Gordon shared that the City's submissions for the CARES Acts Coronavirus Relief Fund Phase I reimbursements through the Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting had all been approved and the City was awaiting funding. After the City's expenses, \$30,000 remained and would be divided between Council's approved designees. This meant a donation of \$12,000 to the Georgia Homeless Coalition and \$6,000 to the other three nonprofit organizations; Believing in the Nu Yu, The Puzzle Pack Autism Group and Iglesia De Dios.
- ii. With an open Council seat after Councilwoman Donnie Smith's resignation, the general consensus from Council was that news of the resignation should be advertised and that applicants wishing to self-nominate for appointment should do so in writing by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

b. No Update

- i. Liberty County Solid Waste was still working with consultants to create a cost estimate for Liberty County to collect Solid Waste charges on residents' property taxes.
- ii. Mr. Ricketson stated that the response he received from Ft. Stewart was that they estimated the wait to be approximately three years until they endorse Old Sunbury Rd as a possible state route, as they wish for a completed overlay on Gulick Ave. prior to release.
- iii. The Kallquist Drive paving project was in the Design Phase.
- iv. The City of Hinesville had not set a date for a workshop regarding proposed increases of their water and sewer impact fees.
- v. A meeting with the Liberty County Tax Assessors would be needed to gain information on the process of implementation of a City millage rate.

9. Completed Business

a. Not Applicable

\*\* Ms. Gordon reported that City Hall had experienced technical issues and that several people had tried numerous times unsuccessfully to join the Zoom meeting, which included Councilwoman Harwell, Craig Stafford, Kelly Wiggins and Marcus Sack. \*\*

10. **Adjourn:** *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5: 15 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as written/~~corrected~~.



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