

FLEMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Martin
Mayor Pro Tem Paul Hawkins
Council Member Charles Richardson
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Palmer Dasher
Council Member Donnie Smith
Council Member David Edwards

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Craig Stafford
Deputy Eric Allen
City Clerk Lori Taylor

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Sandra Martin on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 4:34 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 Pro Tem Paul Hawkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. *Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December meeting and accept them as written. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.*
4. Deputy Eric Allen was in attendance to provide council with a list of statistics for the month of November. Deputy Allen stated the presented report reflects the end of the year totals for 2016 and that the reports will start over for 2017. He also stated that he has had a great adjustment to working in Flemington and has logged over 2000 miles in the patrol car since December 22. He informed council that the patrol car is missing a hubcap that he believes was lost during a call that he assisted with on I-95. Councilman Edwards stated that Deputy Allen could replace the hubcap through Dodge and turn the invoice in to the Clerk.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report. Council had some questions and clarification was made on expenses for LCPC, P.C. Simonton, and Century Link.
6. Amanda Scott and Leah Poole presented the LCCVB quarterly report. Leah stated that she will have a report from the filming of the American Grit show in April. She said that it was a huge boost for the local economy.
7. Unfinished/New Business
 - a. Hotel/Motel Tax Account – Councilman Dasher stated that he had provided everyone with the information regarding the GMA Revenue Management Service program during the December meeting. He asked council to consider entering contract with GMA for services. Kim Ryon, Chief Financial Officer in Hinesville, spoke about their experience with GMA's service. She stated that they have seen a steady increase of revenue, great reporting, and timely monthly payments from GMA. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to begin the process with GMA for the Revenue Management Service for Hotel/Motel Tax collecting. Seconded by Councilman Richardson. All approved. Motion passed.* Councilman Dasher stated that he also gave council a proposed Hotel/Motel Ordinance

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to consider. He asked Attorney Craig Stafford and Zoning Specialist Gabby Hartage to review the proposed ordinance and compare it to Hinesville's ordinance as well.

- b. Council Stipends – Mayor Martin clarified that a change in council stipends would be for the next term. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins discussed the pay of surrounding cities. Councilwoman Smith stated that we need to make sure that we compare all aspects of population, job responsibilities, etc. when considering pay. Councilman Richardson requested that the Clerk do a study of the population group that Flemington falls into, distribute to council, and put it back on the agenda for next month.
 - c. Gabby Hartage discussed a request from Advantage Auto Body & Painting. They would like to do online sales. She stated that the State requires that they have a sign stating the business. They already have a sign frame currently in place, but want to change the face of the sign to say “Auto Sales”. She inquired whether their current business license would cover the auto sales or if they need an additional license. Council stated they would like more information in order to approve it.
 - d. Qualifying fees – *Councilwoman Smith made a motion to set the 2017 qualifying fees at \$75.00 for Councilmembers and \$150.00 for Mayor. Seconded by Councilman Richardson. All approved. Motion passed.*
 - e. City Attorney Craig Stafford informed council about a phone conference he had with Mike Conner, Mr. Dennis Patel's lawyer, regarding the ongoing issues with Hampton Inn. Mr. Conner told Mr. Stafford that he would be in attendance at the February council meeting with Mr. Patel.
 - f. City Accountant, Larry Golden stated that they have submitted the 2016 audit to the state and is waiting for review.
 - g. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins informed council of an expense to diagnose and repair the laptop and monitors in the Council Room. \$150.00 was paid to Bmartin Enterprises.
 - h. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins also discussed the logo for the city car. Examples were displayed for council. *Councilman Richardson made a motion to use the new tree logo with the block lettering across both doors for both sides of the car. Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. All approved. Motion passed.*
 - i. Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins presented quotes for a carport for the city car in the parking lot. No action was taken.
8. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilman Richardson. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.*