

City of Flemington

October 8th, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher
Council Member Donnie Smith
Council Member David Edwards (Exited at 6:09 p.m.)
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Rene Harwell
Council Member Leigh Smiley

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Thomas Giannotti (in lieu of Craig Stafford)
City Clerk Jenelle Gordon
SGT Jason Colvin

ABSENT: None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 at 4:31 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 Hawkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Dasher.
3. *Councilman Dasher motioned to dispense with the reading of the September minutes and accept them as written. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
4. SGT Colvin was in attendance to provide council with a list of statistics for the month of September.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report for September.
6. Ms. Gabby Hartage from the LCPC was in attendance to present the plat for six lots on Old Hines Rd for approval, owned by Mr. Jody Smiley. *Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the plat for six lots on Old Hines Rd with the condition that sidewalk installation was required. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards. All approved. The motion passed.*
***Councilwoman Smiley abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.*
7. Mr. Paul Simonton from P.C. Simonton came before Council to provide information regarding the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) time table for implementation and its requirements. Thirty percent of TSPLOST taxes collected would have allocation specifically to state roads (not local roads) of significant impact. The remaining percentage would then be transferred to the City to use on any road project; to include utility relocation, sidewalks, landscaping/beautification and drainage projects as they pertain to transportation. Mr. Simonton stated that the TSPLOST would be on the March 2020 ballot and if approved proceeds could be available in August 2020. He also considered it likely that the number one priority would likely be the freight connector. Mr. Simonton stated that a new Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Liberty County would need to be executed at the November 2019 Council Meeting in order for the City to participate in the TSPLOST.
8. City Clerk Jenelle Gordon presented to Council the 1st Quarter in Fiscal Year 2020 budget review. The City was near target fiscally and its revenue versus expenditures evenly balanced.

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9. New Business

- a. Councilwoman *Evans* made a motion to approve the City of Ethics Resolution. The motion seconded by Councilwoman *Smiley*. All approved. The motion passed.
- b. Mayor *Hawkins* informed Council that the contracts for the City's landscaping would expire at the end of October. Councilman *Edwards* made a motion to extend the existing City landscaping contracts through December 31st and the contracts to go out for public bid. The motion seconded by Councilwoman *Evans*. All approved. The motion passed. **Councilwomen *Harwell* and *Smiley* both abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

10. Unfinished Business

- a. Mayor *Hawkins* stated that he met with Mr. *Clenton Wells* with Liberty County. He said the total cost of replacing the old pipe that was damaged on Old Hines Rd was \$28,000.⁰⁰. The county agreed to shoulder half of the cost of replacement if Flemington would cover the other half. Councilman *Edwards* made a motion to approve the \$14,000.⁰⁰ share of the cost to Liberty County of the replacement if the pipe. The motion seconded by Councilwoman *Smiley*. All approved. The motion passed.
 - b. Mr. *Matthew Barrow* with P.C. *Simonton* provided Council with his prospective as to why Old Sunbury Rd had been denied designation as a state road. Mr. *Barrow* stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) respondent lacked firsthand knowledge of the local roads and how Old Sunbury Road provides significant importance for traffic flow to and from Fort Stewart.
 - c. Mr. *Barrow* also reported to Council that the *Kallquist Drive Drainage Improvement* project had been completed.
 - d. Yearly Polycart Expense Transferred to Liberty County Property Tax – Councilman *Dasher* made a motion to transfer the residential expense of polycart service from the City of Flemington to the homeowner's property tax bill as soon as possible, but with as much notice as possible to the residents. The motion seconded by Councilman *Edwards*. All approved. The motion passed.
10. Adjourn – Councilwoman *Harwell* made a motion to adjourn. The motion seconded by Councilwoman *Evans*. All approved. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.