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THE CITY OF  
*Flemington*

GEORGIA

CITY HALL  
156 OLD SUNBURY ROAD  
FLEMINGTON, GA 31313

Paul B. Hawkins, MAYOR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 11<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 Rene' Harwell (entered at 4:33 p.m.)  
Council Member Donnie Smith  
Council Member David Edwards  
Council Member Leigh Smiley  
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

**ABSENT:** None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:32 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 Edwards, 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 wanted to speak.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley motioned to dispense with the reading of the July minutes and accept them as corrected. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Grant Porter was in attendance to provide Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of July.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of July. The City Clerk reported that as in prior months, the hotels in Flemington had fared above the state average in revenue.
7. **New Business:**
  - a. Ms. Gabriele Hartage from the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council via Zoom with a home-based business license request for Godbody Presidential at 782 Wallace Martin Dr. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the business license for Godbody Presidential. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
  - b. Mayor Hawkins presented the Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution to Council. After some light hesitancy regarding eligible uses for the CRF, Mayor Hawkins announced that he would have a roundtable meeting on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. to discuss the different ways the fund could be utilized and allocated.

8. **Business in Progress:**

a. Status Updates

- i. Mayor Hawkins reported that he had spoken to Georgia Municipal Association (“GMA”) to inquire about the process of implementing a millage rate. Council’s collective response was the need for a workshop to discuss strategic plans, priorities, goals and financial planning prior to the implementation of a millage rate. Mayor Hawkins said that he would set up a workshop the next week.
- ii. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City’s Engineer, came before Council via teleconferencing to report that the Design Phase for the paving of Kallquist Dr. was in progress. He reported that he had made contact with Mr. Hart regarding easements and Mr. Hart was agreeable to the project.
- iii. Mayor Hawkins stated that he had no knowledge of the proposed increase to Hinesville’s Water and Sewer Impact Fees and that he will request that Flemington is present at their upcoming workshop (date unknown).

b. No Update

- i. Mayor Hawkins reported that Liberty County was 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 he was waiting to hear from Ft. Stewart about designating Old Sunbury Rd as a state route.

9. Completed Business

- a. Mayor Hawkins stated that the water and sewer lines had been run to the property owned by the City across from City Hall and that Palm Coast Utilities had been paid.

\*Round Table\*

Councilman Dasher mentioned the Senior Housing Property on Patriots Trail. Mayor Hawkins stated that Mr. Gross was planning on building a 60-unit apartment complex for seniors and that a preliminary plat was available upon request.

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: 16 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as written/~~corrected~~.



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