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THE CITY OF
Flemington

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CITY HALL
156 OLD SUNBURY ROAD
FLEMINGTON, GA 31313

Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10TH, 2020



PRESENT AT CITY HALL: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
Craig Stafford, City Attorney
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
Council Member Rene' Harwell
Council Member Hasit Patel

ABSENT: None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 4:31 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. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees, both in person and on Zoom. Zoom participants were instructed to keep their sound muted until they needed to speak.
3. Invocation by Councilman Dasher, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Hawkins.
4. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to accept the October 13th minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the October 29th minutes as written. Councilwoman Harwell 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 November.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of November.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Ms. Gabby Hartage with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission came before Council regarding two sign permits for the Tranquil South neighborhood. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the two signs at Tranquil South. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. *Councilwoman Smiley recused herself due to conflict of interest.**
 - b. Mayor Hawkins proposed to hold the annual Tree Lighting Event outdoors on Monday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to hold the Tree Lighting Event on November 30th at 6:00 p.m. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. Business in Progress:

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a. Status Updates

- i. Mayor Hawkins opened the floor for public comments regarding the first reading of the Solid Waste Ordinance at 4:46 p.m. No comments were made. *Councilman Patel made a motion to approve the first reading of the Solid Waste Ordinance. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

b. No Update

- i. Old Sunbury Rd. designation as a state road: Next update is expected in 2023.
- ii. Millage Rate: No change.

9. Completed Business

- a. Mayor Hawkins shared that the City was awarded Qualified Local Government status by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, making the City eligible for grants.

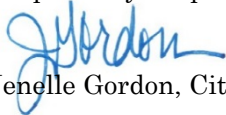
10. Mayor Hawkins reminded Council of their decision in March 2020 to appoint Mr. Marcus Sack of M.E. Sack Engineering as the Interim City Engineer through December 31st, 2020.
11. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to enter into Executive Session for personnel. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 5:10 p.m.*

Mayor Hawkins resumed Open Session at 5:40 p.m.

Councilman Edwards made a motion to deliver the City's engineering needs to the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission in April 2021, submitted out for bid in May 2021, and selected in June 2021 for a July 1st, 2021 contract start date. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

12. **Adjourn:** *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: December 8, 2020 as written/~~corrected~~.



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