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THE CITY OF

Flemington

GEORGIA

CITY HALL
156 Old Sunbury Road
Flemington, GA 31313



Paul Hawkins, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 9th, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Flemington, GA 31313 • Public Participation via Zoom & Facebook Live

Present at LaQuinta: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Councilman David Edwards
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
SGT Jason Colvin, Liberty County Sheriff's Office

Present via Zoom: Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher
(VIDEO CONFERENCING) Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Absent: None

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 4:42 p.m. in the conference room at LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present, attended both in-person and via Zoom.
2. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees, both in person and virtually. Zoom participants were instructed to keep their sound muted until they needed to speak.
3. The invocation was given by Councilman Edwards and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Hasit Patel.
4. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 9th, 2021 Council Meeting as written. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Jason Colvin was in attendance to provide Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of February. Councilman Edwards then introduced Sheriff Bowman, the newly elected Sheriff of Liberty County, to the Council.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of March.

With the City's CD maturing on March 28th, 2021, *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to move the CD to the financial institution offering the highest return rate at the time of maturity. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Ms. Gordon reported that the City had received approval of the Draft Annual Update from the Department of Community Affairs. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adopt the FY20 Capital Improvement Elements Resolution. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Mayor Hawkins informed Council that The Great American Clean Up would be held on April 17th in Flemington.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mr. Paul Simonton was in attendance to show the Council which water and sewer lines needed to be relocated due to the signalization in McLarry's Curve, which was estimated at \$420,000. The City of Hinesville had previously agreed to contribute \$22,500 towards that cost and offered an intergovernmental water and sewer extension agreement to satisfy the remaining balance. Ms. Kim Ryon was in attendance and shared some repayment options for the City, which included a scale of monthly assessment to the existing Flemington water customer base and City contributions. Hearing that there may be other financing options to explore, *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to table this action item to a future date. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS

Status Update(s)

- a. Mr. Adam Webb, attorney for Mr. Ben Jones of BeSeen Outdoors, came before Council via video conferencing to request a 45-day tolling period to allow Mr. Jones time to respond to if he would be amenable to removing both billboards on the property located between 1574 and 1740 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to accept a 45-day holding agreement (or until next Council meeting) for Mr. Jones. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- b. Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission appeared before Council via video conferencing to report that on February 23rd, 2021, David's Auto (located at 1661 E. Oglethorpe Hwy) was sent a Code Enforcement letter, which required that the broken vehicles stored in the common area be removed. The Liberty County Building and Licensing Department sent notice to SJR Holdings (corner building at 1661 E. Oglethorpe Hwy) also on February 23rd, alerting them to the condition of the property and calling for its repair. Both letters required remedies within 30 days of notice or face further legal action.
- c. Mayor Hawkins voiced a reminder that the deadline for the Engineer RFP was approaching.
- d. Mayor Hawkins reported that he had spoken to several local sign companies regarding the purchase and installation of a double-sided LED reader board for the City. He found that the local companies purchase their signs from tvliquidator.com, and that purchasing directly through the distributor would be most cost effective. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to table the discussion. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

No Update(s)


- a. Old Sunbury Rd. to a State Road (next update expected in 2023)
- b. Millage Rate

9. COMPLETED BUSINESS

- a. None

10. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:


Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: April 13th, 2021 as written/~~corrected~~.



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