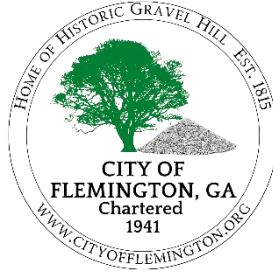


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CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 10th, 2024 AT 4:30 p.m.
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL ♦ 156 OLD SUNBURY RD

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem ("MPT") David Edwards
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
Deputy Robert Wilson, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Phone: Councilwoman Rene' Harwell (joined at 4:55 p.m.)

Absent: Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 at 4:32 p.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Mayor Hawkins welcomed all attendees.
3. The invocation was given by Mayor Hawkins and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. *Councilman Patel made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 12th, 2024 regular meeting as written. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the November 13th, 2024 Downtown Development Committee meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. Deputy Wilson with the LCSO gave a report on law enforcement activities for the month of November.
6. The Council reviewed the Profit & Loss ("P&L") statement and Balance Sheet for November 2024. A question was raised concerning the elevated salary figures on the P&L, and whether it was attributed to three pay periods within the month. The answer was yes. Additionally, an inquiry was made regarding the \$126,048 allocated under Fire Services. The City Clerk clarified that this amount pertains to the FY23 true up, which the City of Hinesville's CFO had reported to the Council in June 2024. Furthermore, it was noted that the \$197,967 for Flemington's FY25 budget had yet to be invoiced, indicating that the amount remains outstanding.
7. Mayor Hawkins signed the Bring One for the Chipper Proclamation for Keep Liberty Beautiful.
8. Mr. Marcus Sack, the City Engineer, reported that the Hwy 84 TSPLOST sidewalk project is in litigation. He suggested that the Council might hire a local contractor to proceed with the work while the case against Bridge Capital Investments is ongoing. Mr. Randy Dykes is the new point of contact for the full-depth reclamation of Wallace Martin,

Joseph Martin, and Old Sunbury at M.E. Sack Engineering. The road project is on schedule, with Wallace Martin expected to be completed in about three (3) weeks, followed by Joseph Martin after the new year. Mayor Hawkins also stated that the Board of Education agreed to suspend the school zone on Highway 84 for ninety (90) days.

9. *MPT Edwards made a motion to enter into Executive Session for personnel. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and executive session began at 5:00 p.m.* Open session resumed at 5:29 p.m. Mayor Hawkins announced the holiday bonuses: \$850 for LT Gallob and the Jenelle Gordon, \$400 for Deputy Wilson, and \$300 for Holly Kennedy.

10. *ON THE HORIZON*
December 2024

- 12th @ 6 pm. – Millage Rate Public Hearing #3
- 17th @ 4:30 pm. – Special Called Meeting – Millage Rate Adoption
- 18th @ 5:45 pm. – 3rd Annual Santa Neighborhood Tour
- Holiday Schedule - See Calendar Below



11. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.*