

FLEMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 13, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Sandra Martin
Mayor Pro Tem Paul Hawkins
Council Member Charles Richardson
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Palmer Dasher
Council Member Donnie Smith
Council Member David Edwards

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Craig Stafford
Deputy Sergeant Guy Pagliolo
City Clerk Lori Taylor

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Sandra Martin on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 4:32 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 Pro Tem Paul Hawkins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. *Paul Hawkins motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November meeting and accept them as written. Charles Richardson seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried..*
4. Deputy Sergeant Guy Pagliolo was in attendance to provide council with a list of statistics for the month of November.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report.
6. Matthew Barrow, City Engineer:
 - a. 2017 LMIG application – Mr. Barrow recommends picking three capital improvement projects and bank 2017-2018 funds to accompany SPLOST funds. The three projects recommended were overlay of Wallace Martin Road, overlay of Joseph Martin Road, and paving Kallquist Road. He also suggests adding the Wallace Martin turn lane as well. Council is all in agreement for Matthew to submit as discussed with the four projects.
 - b. Status of Wallace Martin Road – Project has been in a stalemate with the DOT district office. Mr. Barrow is in discussion with the State Office about the project.
7. Gary Eason – Shiner's Iron Knights requesting donation/sponsorship for Iron Butt Ride for a fundraiser for Shiner's Hospital in Tampa, Florida. *Charles Richardson motioned to donate \$500 to Iron Knight's for the Iron Butt Ride. David Edwards seconded. All approved. Paul Hawkins abstained from voting because of personally being involved with Shiner's organization. Motion carried.*
8. Golden & Associates – FY16 Preliminary Audit Report – Larry Golden presented council with the 2016 audit report. He stated that the finances are presented fairly. Mr. Golden went over specific areas of the audit, and asked council to review the document and in the event they had any questions to contact him.

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9. Unfinished/New Business:
 - a. Purchase of City car – Paul Hawkins states that he had gotten 2 quotes for possible vehicles to purchase. Vaden of Hinesville quoted a new 2016 Altima for \$20,000. Mike Reed Chevrolet quoted a used 2014 Malibu for \$16,675. Mike Reed could not give a quote for a new car within the city's budget. *Charles Richardson motioned to purchase the new car from Vaden. David Edwards seconded. All agreed. Motion carried.* Mayor Martin asked Mr. Edwards to take care of the selling of the old car. Charles Richardson discussed the possibility of keeping the old car for a “neighborhood Watch” type of program. David Edwards stated that the county does not have a program currently and it is not in the near future, and that it would be very expensive to install the emergency equipment that would be needed for that purpose. *Charles Richardson motioned to sell the old city vehicle. Palmer Dasher seconded. All agreed. Motion carried.*
 - b. Logo for City car – Council examined the samples provided. *Gail Evans motioned to use the new tree image with the printed font “City of Flemington”. Donnie Smith seconded. All approved. Motion carried.*
 - c. FEMA report – Mr. Hawkins informed council that the city did not have enough expenses to file a claim with FEMA for reimbursement for Hurricane Matthew.
 - d. GDOT Community Meeting Report – Mr. Hawkins stated that he, Gail Evans, and David Edwards were in attendance for the Community Meeting on December 6, 2016. He stated that GDOT has pushed back the realignment of Old Sunbury Road to June 2019 due to historic preservation mitigations.
 - e. Hotel/Motel Account – Palmer Dasher addressed council about Hotel/Motel Account. He shared some information from the Tourism Conference that he attended in Atlanta. He asked council to review provided documents and be prepared to discuss and make a consideration to use the Revenue Management Service provided through GMA to collect the hotel taxes each month. He stated that clerk will schedule a date in January to have a workshop to further discuss it. Margit Velosco, business manager of Hampton Inn, addressed council on behalf of Dennis Patel, owner of Hampton Inn. She stated that Mr. Patel is currently in India, therefore not able to attend the meeting himself. She stated that Mr. Patel wanted to inform council that one of the reasons that his payments have been behind is because of the renovations of the Red Roof Inn, and that he would like to ask for an extension until the first of February for payment. *Donnie Smith made a motion to require a payment of \$16,151.79 by December 31, 2016, and Mr. Patel be allowed to operate without a license until he personally addresses council at the February 14, 2017 meeting, and possibly renew business license if the hotel is current on taxes at that point. Gail Evans seconded motion. All agreed. Motion carried.*
 - f. City Deputy Applicants – David Edwards briefed council on the application process for the city deputy. He stated that 3 application were submitted, and the top 2 applicants, Eric Allen and Joseph (JD) Campbell, were present for council to meet.
10. *Paul Hawkins motioned to enter Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. Seconded by David Edwards. All approved. Motion carried.* Council retreated to Mayor's office for Executive Session. Mayor Martin reopened regular council meeting at 7:17 p.m.
 - a. *Palmer Dasher made a motion to approve Eric Allen as the new City Deputy for Flemington. Seconded by David Edwards seconded. All approved. Motions carried.*
 - b. *Paul Hawkins made a motion to approve the Christmas bonuses as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Gail Edwards. All approved. Motion carried.*
 - c. *Paul Hawkins motioned to purchase a retirement gift, an engraved watch with the dates of service, for Guy Pagliolo. Seconded by Gail Edwards. All approved. Motion carried.*
11. *Donnie Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Second by David Edwards. All agreed. Meeting adjourned.*