

# City of Flemington

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**PRESENT:** Mayor Paul Hawkins  
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher  
Council Member Gail Evans  
Council Member Rene Harwell  
Council Member Keith Moran

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Craig Stafford  
City Clerk Jenelle Gordon  
SGT Jason Colvin

**ABSENT:** Council Member Donnie Smith  
Council Member David Edwards

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Hawkins on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:33 pm. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Invocation by Councilman Dasher, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman Harwell.
3. *Councilman Evans made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January meeting and to approve them as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.*
4. Flemington Sheriff Deputy SGT Jason Colvin was in attendance to provide Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of January.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report for January.
  - a. LaQuinta Notice of Deficiency Determination Update – City Attorney Craig Stafford informed Council that a meeting took place earlier that afternoon with Mr. Hasit Patel, the Mayor and himself. Mayor Hawkins granted LaQuinta a thirty day extension, until the end of February, to pay the deficiency. During that meeting, Mr. Patel accepted the Notice of Deficiency Determination and stated that he would have the deficiency paid before the March Council meeting. Mr. Patel also stated that he would attend the March Council meeting to explain how the deficiency came to be and what steps had been taken to correct the reporting error.
6. Theodis Jackson from the Liberty County Transit System gave Council an update regarding ridership and the importance of their Paratransit services for qualified disabled residents. Mr. Jackson provided the City Clerk copies of the Paratransit Application for any Flemington resident who may benefit from their door-to-door program.
7. New Business License Requests – Jeff Ricketson for Gabby Hartage, LCPC
  - a. The Lens Loft (photography) – Mr. Ricketson presented to Council a new business license request from The Lens Loft, with a recommendation of approval from the LCPC.

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*Councilman Dasher made a motion to issue a business license to The Lens Loft. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. Motion passed.*

- b. Enabreeze (mobile pressure washing) - Mr. Ricketson presented to Council a new business license request from Enabreeze, with a recommendation of approval from the LCPC. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to issue a business license to Enabreeze Pressure Washing Services. Motion seconded by Councilman Moran. All approved. Motion passed.*
8. Matthew Barrow - PC Simonton & Associates
    - a. Baconfield Update (Shawn Ct.) – Mr. Barrow updated Council that the paving of approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of Shawn Ct. had been satisfactorily completed. Mr. Barrow stated the cost would be \$5,000.<sup>00</sup> to \$6,000.<sup>00</sup>.
    - b. Kallquist Bid Update – After the bid opening for Kallquist Drainage Improvements on January 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Barrow informed Council that all initial bids were over budget. Additionally, the swell from Kallquist Drive to the retention pond portion of the original scope had been completed by the property owners. Due to the swell completion, a revised scope of services was created for the outfall from the pond to the canal and solicited to the original plan holders. Two responses were received, Palm Coast Utilities bid \$46,725.<sup>00</sup> and Jody Smiley Landscaping bid \$30,100.<sup>00</sup>. Neither bid included wetlands delineation, which would be an additional \$15,000.<sup>00</sup> for the wetlands credits. Work will not begin until a Notice to Proceed is issued. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to reject all of the January 15<sup>th</sup> bids due to them all being over budget. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. Motion passed. Councilman Moran made a motion to approve Jody Smiley Landscaping, the lowest bidder at \$30,100.<sup>00</sup>, for the revised scope of work. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. Motion passed.*
  9. New Business
    - a. CD Maturing – Mayor Hawkins stated that the City's Certificate of Deposit at South Georgia Bank would be maturing March 18<sup>th</sup> and that he had requested that the City Clerk contact local financial institutions to inquire about their current 12-month annual yield rate. Mr. Joe Ford from South Georgia Bank and Mr. James Rogers from Ameris Bank both spoke on behalf of their financial institutions. South Georgia Bank offered 2.1% and Ameris Bank offered 2.5%. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to move the CD from South Georgia Bank to Ameris Bank at the time of its maturity. Motion seconded by Councilman Moran. All approved. Motion passed.*
  10. Unfinished Business
    - a. Fire Services Meeting – City Attorney Craig Stafford stated that he and the Mayor met with the City of Hinesville (K. Johanson, L. Cook, R. Arnold, K. Howard and K. Ryon) and determined that the current Fire Service fee calculation was indeed correct, based on Flemington and Hinesville's Net Tax Digest. Mr. Stafford stated that there are multiple large properties in Hinesville are not on Hinesville's Net Tax Digest, as they are exempt. In addition, there are twelve items included in the Fire Services (Emergency Services) contract that are also being provided by the City of Hinesville.
  11. Adjourn – *Councilman Moran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Evans. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 6:02 pm.*