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Paul Hawkins, MAYOR

City of
FLEMINGTON
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GEORGIA



City
Hall

156 Old Sunbury Rd.
Flemington, GA 31313

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 10th, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

Flemington City Hall • Public Participation in Person or via Facebook Live

Note: The meeting experienced multiple unforeseen technological difficulties.

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher
Councilman David Edwards
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
SGT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Zoom:
(VIDEO CONFERENCING) Councilwoman Rene' Harwell (Entered at 4:44 pm.)

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, August 10th, 2021 at 4:36 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, both in person and virtually.
3. The invocation was given by Councilman Dasher and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Patel.
4. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 13th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. SGT Anthony Gallob was in attendance and introduced Chief Steve Campbell from Georgia Forestry to Council. Chief Campbell relayed that burn permits were no longer necessary for yard waste and natural material, however, increased fire prevention precautions were added. Next, SGT Gallob presented Council with a list of law enforcement statistics for the month of July.
6. Council reviewed the Expense Report for the month of July. Ms. Gordon, the City Clerk, reminded the Council that qualifying for the upcoming general election would occur the next week.
7. Several organizations had donation requests.
 - a. The Manna House's request was presented by Mr. Spier Flanders. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to donate \$10,000.00 to the Manna House from American Rescue Plan funds. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

- b. The Boy Scouts of America's request was presented by Ms. Susie Curtis. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Boy Scouts of America. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- c. Mayor Hawkins shared that Mr. Larry Kowalski from the YMCA had requested a donation. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve a \$1,000.00 donation to the YMCA. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Gabby Hartage from the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission ("LCPC") came before Council with a sign permit application for Street Soldierz Motorcycle Club at 1661 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. Their temporary sign is 71.25 square feet and is exactly 10% of the building face, which is the maximum size per the sign ordinance. Mr. Paul Gosden, VP of the club, said that the parapet had some previous weather damage and would be repaired. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit for Street Soldierz Motorcycle Club with the special conditions that within 90 days: the parapet repair completed and the address on the sign changed from Hinesville to Flemington, GA. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- b. Mayor Hawkins reported to Council that there were two matters of business regarding City Hall maintenance:
 - First, Mayor Hawkins expressed the need for a generator and shared that he had received a few quotes. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to table the topic until it is determined that American Rescue Plan funds could be used on the purchase. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
 - The second item presented was that City Hall should contract preventative pest control. *Councilman Edwards made a motion for the Mayor to enter into a contract for pest control, with protection 20 feet around the building exterior. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- c. The Mayor stated that the City had received an updated Ordinance showing the polling location for Flemington for the November 2nd, 2021 general election to be held at the Performing Arts Center and its associated Intergovernmental Agreement with the County to hold the election. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to adopt both the Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the upcoming election with Liberty County. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

9. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS

- a. *Status Update(s)*
 - The Council engaged in some discussion about the need to get information to the residents via an LED sign at City Hall. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to table the topic until a future meeting. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- b. *No Update(s)*
 - Old Sunbury Rd. to a State Road (next update expected in 2023)
 - Construction for Signalization at the Curve (delayed – start date unknown)
 - Water & Sewer Relocation
 - Sidewalks from OC Martin to Liberty High School
 - American Rescue Fund

10. COMPLETED BUSINESS

- a. None

11. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation. Councilman Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The Council entered closed session at 6:19 pm. Mayor Hawkins reopened open session at 6:42 pm.*

12. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Dasher seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.*

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:



Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: _____ as written/corrected.