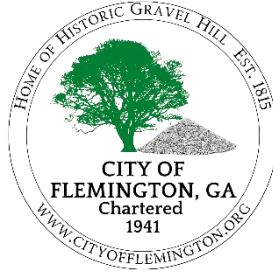


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 13th, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

FLEMINGTON CITY HALL • 156 OLD SUNBURY RD.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PERSON

Present at City Hall: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem ("MPT") David Edwards
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell (entered at 4:35 pm.)
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

Present via Phone: None

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 13th, 2024 at 4:30 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 said in unison.
4. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 9th, 2024 meeting as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. Councilwoman Evans made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 19th, 2024 special called meeting. MPT Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
5. Lieutenant Gallob with the LCSO gave a report for the month of August.
6. Council reviewed the August 2024 Profit & Loss statement and the Balance Sheet.
7. Mayor Hawkins signed four proclamations for Keep Liberty Beautiful; Georgia's Coast is not an Ashtray Awareness Day, Great Pollinator Census, Native Plant Awareness Day, and St. Catherine's Beach Sweep Day.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Ms. Lori Parks with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (“LCPC”) came before Council with a sign permit request for Applebee’s #8416 (located at 1492 E. Oglethorpe Hwy) to add vinyl apple logos to existing awnings, replacing two apple logo cabinets, and one set of Carside To-Go vinyl on the exiting To-Go awning. All requested changes followed the ordinance. *MPT Edwards made a motion to approve the sign permit. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- ii. Mayor Hawkins brought two requests for donations for the Council. The first request was from the YMCA. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to make at \$1,000.00 donation. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.* The second request was from the Denise Jewell Foundation. *MPT Edwards made a motion to deny the donation request. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
- iii. Ms. Emma Faircloth with the Liberty County Convention and Visitors Bureau came before Council to present their bi-annual update. Ms. Leah Poole was present with an offer of continuing advertisement in the Chamber of Commerce’s Liberty magazine. *MPT Edwards made a motion to continue to run a ½ page ad in the Liberty magazine for \$900.00. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

9. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS – Status Update(s)

- i. None

No Update(s) Available

- Old Sunbury Rd. to State Rd.
- Law Enforcement Office Expansion (*on hold*)
- Millage Rate – R. Harwell (*on hold*)

10. ON THE HORIZON

- a. August 2024
 - None
- b. September 2024
 - 2nd – Closed for Labor Day
 - 26th & 27th – County-wide Planning Workshop on SSI

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *MPT Edwards made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of real estate at 5:12 pm. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.* Open session was resumed at 6:00 pm. Mayor Hawkins shared that the City of Hinesville City Manager gave a real estate presentation.

12. ADDED WITHOUT NOTICE:

- a. Mr. Larry Golden with Golden & Associates, CPA’s requested the creation of a Governance Committee to meet three times in compliance with financial audit requirements. Councilman Logan, Councilwoman Harwell and MPT Edwards volunteered. It was agreed that the first meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 at 2:00 pm. at Flemington City Hall.

b. MPT Edwards shared his After-Action Review of Hurricane Debby.

13. *MPT Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.*