

City of Flemington

February 11th, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Rene Harwell
Council Member Donnie Smith
Council Member Leigh Smiley

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas Giannotti in lieu of City Attorney Craig Stafford
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
SGT Grant Porter

ABSENT: Council Member David Edwards

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Paul Hawkins on Tuesday, February 11th, 2020 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 Councilman Dasher, followed by a special flag presentation and Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Wayne Barns.
3. *Councilwoman Evans motioned to dispense with the reading of the January minutes and accept them as written. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
4. SGT Grant Porter was in attendance to provide council with a list of statistics for the month of January.
5. Mr. Theodis Jacksons' presentation to Council included statistics which showed increased ridership and spoke of new services provided by Liberty Transit. Some notable items were the Liberty Transit phone app (which uses GPS technology) and Paratransit door-to-door services to those that qualify for \$1.⁰⁰. He also added that there will be a bus stop and shelter at Flemington Village. Council told Mr. Jackson that Paratransit information would be posted to the City's website.
6. The Liberty County Planning Commission had three items of business to present to Council.

First was Ms. Gabriele Hartage with a proposed update to the Vehicle Ordinance that would tighten verbiage regarding parked and stored cars. Questions arose regarding fines, enforcement of the Ordinance, collection of fines and protection for military service members under the Soldiers & Sailors Credit Relief Act. Council collectively made the decision to revisit this item after the City Attorney had time to review the proposed changes and could offer input.

Next, Council heard from Mr. Jeff Ricketson regarding the Borrow Pits off of Old Hines Road. Prior to the Council Meeting, Mr. Randy Horton (who owns the property adjoining the burrow pits) confirmed to Mayor Hawkins and the LCPC that the easement he had granted the owners of the borrow pits to use part of his property as a driveway through to Lufburrow Rd. would expire at the end of December 2020 and that the contract would not be renewed. Mr. Horton also reported that youth frequently swam in the pits. A search of the City's historical Meeting Minutes confirmed that when the approval to mine from Council was given (to the previous owner), it had a special condition

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that a fence would be erected. Council collectively decided that this Agenda item would also need legal review to provide counsel to Council regarding whether the Order of Contingency is enforceable like an Ordinance.

The next item Mr. Ricketson presented was the City's Five-Year Comprehensive Plan. There were some verbiage modifications requested, as well as adjustment of start/end dates of some of the line items. Mr. Ricketson offered to attend the already scheduled Workshop on February 20th to work with Council on the changes they would like made.

7. Unfinished Business
 - a. None

8. Executive Session
 - a. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed at 5:49 p.m.*

 - b. *Council returned from Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.*

 - c. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to approve the City Clerk's yearly evaluation and merit raise. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. The motion passed at 6:06 p.m.*

9. Adjourn – *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.*