

City of Flemington

March 12th, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher (entered at 4:39 pm)
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Rene Harwell
Council Member Keith Moran
Council Member Donnie Smith
Council Member David Edwards

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Thomas Giannotti (in lieu of Craig Stafford)
City Clerk Jenelle Gordon
SGT Jason Colvin

ABSENT: NONE

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Hawkins on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 4:35 pm. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Invocation by Councilman Edwards, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilwoman Evans.
3. *Councilman Edwards made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February meeting and to approve them as written. Councilman Moran 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 February.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report for February. Council requested the Clerk include a summary of City credit card charges on the monthly Expense Report.
6. Mr. Hasit Patel was not in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Hawkins stated that the funds from the Notice of Deficiency Determination were received in full, on time.
7. Chief Cook and Deputy Chief Johanson gave a presentation to Council regarding Fire Services provided to the City of Flemington. Their current ISO rating is three. The Hinesville Fire Department have increased their water pressure immensely with the raising of the water tower an additional thirty three feet in the air. The Hinesville Fire Department is currently upgrading a station, however, they still are in need of new fire trucks and increased staffing. An engine company takes fifteen employees and approximately \$1.2 million dollars per year to man 24/7. Last year, HFD responded to 87 calls within Flemington city limits (calls for fire, emergency services, car accidents, etc.)

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8. New Business

9. Unfinished Business

- a. BRAG Contribution. Council came to a general consensus that Flemington would stage a tent at James Brown Park with cold drinks for the riders on June 7th, 2019. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to purchase 2,000 insect repellent sprays via the most cost effective method. Seconded by Councilwoman Evans. All approved. Motion passed.*
 - b. Councilwoman Harwell mentioned Keep Liberty Beautiful and Flemington's Spring Clean Up day. Keep Liberty Beautiful would likely provide the print promotion.
 - c. Councilwoman Evans stated that a banner was needed for Flemington's Spring Clean Up Day. Council came to a consensus that a banner should be purchased for Flemington if one was not in existence.
 - d. Councilman Moran submitted his resignation in writing to Mayor Hawkins from his seat on Flemington City Council due to his recent move out of the city limits. Councilman Moran made a suggestion that Leigh Smiley be considered for his seat. Councilman Moran was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from City Council by Councilman Dasher. Mayor Hawkins read the verbiage from the City's Charter, Section 2.12(b) "A vacancy in the office of mayor or councilmember shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, by appointment by the city council or those members remaining." However, the Charter does not define the selection process. No motion was made for open seat. *Councilwoman Evans made a motion to have the announcement of Councilman Moran's resignation placed on www.cityofflemington.org. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion passed.*
10. Adjourn – *Councilman Moran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Evans. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.*