

FLEMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 14, 2017

PRESENT:
Mayor Sandra Martin
Mayor Pro Tem Paul Hawkins
Council Member Charles Richardson
Council Member Gail Evans
Council Member Palmer Dasher
Council Member David Edwards
Council Member Donnie Smith

ALSO PRESENT:
City Attorney Craig Stafford
Deputy Sergeant Eric Allen
City Clerk Lori Taylor

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Sandra Martin on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall in Flemington, GA. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. Invocation by Pastor Tim Byler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. *Councilwoman Smith motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January meeting and accept them as written. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.*
4. Deputy Eric Allen was in attendance to provide council with a list of statistics for the month of February. He also noted some vehicle repairs that had been completed at the County Maintenance Department.
5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report.
6. City Engineer Matthew Barrow was in attendance to provide council with updates:
 - a. Coates Road Easement – Mr. Barrow stated that he would be attending a BOE workshop in the coming weeks to address the easement on Coates Road for the repairs to the property of Mr. Godwin.
 - b. Wallace Martin Turn Lane Project – Mr. Barrow stated that there were 4 plan-holders that were interested in the project, however, only one submitted a bid proposal. Y-Delta Incorporated submitted a bid totaling \$127,337.00, which was significantly above the amount estimated for the project 18 months ago. He contacted the bidder and asked them to consider a revision of the bid. They returned a revised bid in the amount of \$107,000.00. Mr. Barrow proposed three options to council: reject the bid and return the LMIG money to DOT, re-bid and increase the work to be done, or to accept the revised bid. *Councilman Hawkins motioned to accept the revised bid of \$107,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Dasher. All approved. Motion passed.* Mr. Barrow stated that he would work with the clerk, GDOT, and others to set the work in motion. He also said that they would wait to begin the work until school is out for the summer, around the beginning of June, to have the least impact to the traffic in the area.
 - c. Drainage in Kallquist area – Mr. Barrow completed a study on the drainage in the Kallquist area and suggested a ditch be constructed to re-route the drainage to an existing pond. It would require easements from the Smiley property and the borrow pit, both had already been discussed and agreed upon. He stated that it would be fairly simple work and would be completed by the county. *Councilman Dasher motion to*

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approve the construction of the drainage ditch. Councilman Richardson seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

- d. 2017 Special LMIG – Mr. Barrow discussed the 2017 LMIG deadline of April 21, 2017. He asked council to consider what projects they would like to list. He will be compiling a list to present to council at the April 11 council meeting.

7. Gabby Hartage - LCPC:

Action Items

- a. **Sign Permit Application.** Request by Dr. Peter Winn Martin for a new sign at the veterinary hospital at 3263 E. Oglethorpe Hwy. The request was to add another name to the current sign on both sides. *Councilman Dasher motioned to approve the sign request. Councilman Edwards seconded. All approved. Motion passed.*
- b. **Conditional Use 2017-005-FL.** Request by Floyd Real Estate Holdings, LP, to be permitted to operate a sand surface mine off of E. Oglethorpe Hwy, further described as LCTM-Parcel 086-002. The property is zoned A-1 (Agricultural Residential) and consists of 583 acres of land, but the borrow pit will only be 20 acres. Councilman Hawkins stated that he had visited the site and that it is 1.5 miles off of the highway and that the access road is not actually in Flemington, but the acreage for the pit is zoned in Flemington. Councilwoman Smith clarified that this approval would only be for the 20 acres requested and that if the owners wished to expand, then would have to request approval again. *Councilman Dasher motioned to approve the proposed conditional use of the property for a surface mine. Seconded by Councilman Edwards. All approved. Motion passed.*

8. Unfinished/New Business:

- a. Hotel/Motel Ordinance – Ms. Hartage presented council with a proposed Hotel/Motel Ordinance, based on her meetings with Attorney Craig Stafford. She stated one area in which they had some questions concerning the calculations for late fees. Mr. Stafford suggested that the clerk send a draft of the ordinance to GMA for assistance in that area of the ordinance. *Councilman Dasher motioned to table the Hotel/Motel Ordinance until next meeting. Councilman Hawkins seconded. All approved. Motion passed.*
 - b. Film Permit – Leah Poole was in attendance to address the proposed film permit. She requested that council approve the permit as other municipalities have done, keeping consistent throughout Liberty County. *Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve the Film Permit. Seconded by Councilwoman Smith. All approved. Motion passed.*
 - c. Tree Ordinance – Mr. Jeff Ricketson was in attendance to discuss the yearly updates to zoning and ordinances. He stated that Flemington is the only municipality in Liberty County that does not have a tree ordinance. He said that it was presented to council in 2010 and again in 2016 but it was never voted on. Councilwoman Smith suggested council review the tree ordinance of Hilton Head Island. Attorney Stafford suggested that Hilton Head is on a different scale and would not parallel with Liberty County. Ms. Hartage said that it would be more effective to use the same terminology and structure as the county. Mr. Ricketson suggested that the council schedule a workshop to work on a good ordinance structured the way that council wants it to be. The clerk was asked to schedule a workshop during the week of March 27-31, 2017.
9. Executive Session – *Councilman Hawkins motioned to enter Executive Session at 5:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussion personnel matters. Seconded by Councilman Richardson. All approved. Motion passed. Councilman Richardson motioned to return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Dasher. All approved. Motion passed.*
 10. *Councilman Dasher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Second by Councilman Richardson. All agreed. Motion passed.*