City of Flemington

May 14th, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Hawkins

Mayor Pro Tem Palmer Dasher Council Member Gail Evans Council Member Rene Harwell Council Member Donnie Smith Council Member David Edwards

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Craig Stafford *Exited at 6:33 pm.

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, May 14th, 2019 at 4:32 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 Harwell.
- 3. Councilman Dasher made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April meeting and to approve them as written. Councilwoman Evans 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 April.
- 5. Council reviewed the City Expense Report for April.
- 6. Ms. Gabby Hartage, LCPC presented several items before Council.
 - a. Ms. Hartage presented a business license request from South Georgia Tire. Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the business license for South Georgia Tire with conditions that the parking lot must be repaired, all new tires were to be stored inside, used tires be stored behind fencing and disposed of in a timely manner. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.
 - b. Ms. Hartage presented Council updated Flood Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) and Physical Map Revision (PMR.) No action necessary.
 - c. Mayor Hawkins opened the Public Hearing regarding Zoning Ordinance Revision #2019-1. There were no comments made. (Printed in the Coastal Courier on 3/30/19 and 4/24/19.)

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- d. Zoning Ordinance Revision Councilman Dasher made a motion to adopt the Zoning Ordinance Revision. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.
- 7. Leah Poole from the Liberty County Visitors and Conventions Bureau presented Council with an update on Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG) and what impact Flemington could expect. She also gave details of transportation and events. Council asked Ms. Poole if Flemington's Insect Repellent promotional item could be placed in the CVB's gift bags. Ms. Poole replied affirmatively and stated that the CVB would need 1,200 pieces. The City Clerk confirmed that the city had sufficient quantity.

8. New Business

- a. TSPLOST Donation Request Leah Poole Councilwoman Smith made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to TSPLOST promotion. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Evans. All Approved. Motion passed.
- b. Boy Scouts Donation Request Councilwoman Evans made a motion to table the request until more information had been gathered regarding which Troop had requested the donation. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. Motion tabled.
- c. Carpathia Paws Donation Request **Councilwoman Smith recused herself and exited Council Chambers for personal connection.** Councilman Edwards made a motion to donate \$1,000.¹⁰ to Carpathia Paws. Motion seconded by Councilman Dasher. All approved. Motion passed. **Councilwoman Smith returned to Open Session.**
- d. Liza Drive Abandonment **Councilwoman Evans recused herself and exited Council Chambers for personal connection.** Council's general consensus was that because the road no longer served a purpose as a public street, the city would look into the process of abandoning it. No motions were made. **Councilwoman Evans returned to Open Session.**
- e. GMA District 12 Officer Election Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the ballot chosen by the GMA nominating committee and vote McColler as 3rd Vice President and that Mayor Hawkins would cast the ballot for the city. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. Motion passed.
- f. Public Hearing on FY20 Proposed Budget Mayor Hawkins opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY20 Budget. There were no comments made. (Printed in the Coastal Courier on 5/8/19.)
- g. FY20 Proposed Budget Review/Discussion City Attorney Craig Stafford stated that the legal budget should be increased. There was round table discussion and the conclusion was that Council would hold a workshop in the immediate future regarding the budget. The City Clerk would arrange the workshop and notify the legal organ. (Coastal Courier notified on 5/20/19 and printed on 5/22/19.)

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Vacant Council Seat Nominations Councilman Edwards made a motion to appoint
 Leigh Smiley to Councilman Moran's empty seat until the end of the election term.
 Motion seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. All approved. Motion passed unanimously.
- 10. Adjourn Councilman Dasher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Evans. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.