

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 (6:00 p.m.)
Kayse Room

At the Regular Council Meeting held on the above date the following members were present:

Mayor: Matt Seale
City Council: Mona Paulk, Patrice Y.W. Manley, Lemora Moses,
Steven Hudson, and Claire Clayton
City Clerk: Lucile Middlebrooks
City Attorney Warren Mixon
Fire Chief: Will Towson
Police Chief: Billy Hancock

- First: Mayor Matt Seale called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, prayer by City Attorney Warren Mixon, and then the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was pledged and spoken by everyone.
- Second: Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, January 7, 2020.
All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none - Motion passed.
- Third: Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019.
All in favor say I -Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.
- Fourth: Gerald George requesting permission for a Bar/Game Room at 111 East 4th Street. Mr. Gerald George is requesting permission to open a bar not a game room. Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to approved the pouring by the distilled spirits, wine, and beer licenses for Mr. George. He will also we allowed to have one game such a pool (billard) game.
All in favor – Voted 4 yes: Opposes 1 (Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley)
Motion passed.
- Fifth: Committee Appointments
Mayor Seale stated according the City Charter, the Mayor Pro tem is appointed in the first Council meeting of the year.
He asked for nomination for Mayor Pro tem.

Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to nominate Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley to be the Mayor Pro tem for Calendar Year 2020.

All in favor – Voted 4 yes; Opposes None;
Abstained 1 (Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley)

Mayor requested that the Finance, License, Purchase Committee be dissolved and create the Community Development Committee effective now. The Mayor is the ex-officio of all committees. Mayor Matt Seale reviewed his Committee Appointments with the Council.

STANDING COMMITTEES – 2020

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*Claire M. Clayton, Chairman
Mona Paulk*

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

*Patrice Y. W. Manley, Chairman
Lemora Moses*

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

*Mona Paulk, Chairman
Steven Hudson*

RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Lemora Moses, Sr. Chairman
Claire M. Clayton*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

*Steven Hudson, Chairman
Patrice Y.W. Manley*

The Industrial Authority Board

*Councilwoman Mona Paulk
Mr. Randy Crenshaw*

Approved at the January 7, 2020 Council Meeting

ETHICS COMMITTEE – APPOINTED 2016 & Updated

Peggy Day – appointed May 3, 2016
Maurice Lake – appointed September 6, 2016
Lisa Cook – appointed September 6, 2016
Terry Johnson – appointed September 6, 2016
Vacant

Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd Councilman Lemora Moses to dissolve the Finance, Licenses, Purchase Committee and create the new Community Development Committee.

All in favor – Voted 5 yes: Opposes none – Motion passed.

Mayor Seale requested that each committee meets once a quarter.

He also challenges each council member for the lowest hourly wage.

The hours he works, he makes less than minimum wage. Get more engaged.

Mayor Seale made all Committees official.

Any official committee meeting must be coordinated through the City Clerk.

The press must be notified.

Sixth:

Bank Loan Bids

Planters First, Ameris, and Irwin County State Bank sent letters with their loan interest rate bid proposals. The bids were Planters First Bank 3.10%, Ameris Bank 2.34%, and Irwin County State Bank 3.15%

Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W.

Manley to make the operating General fund loan with Ameris Bank 2.34%

All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.



1-2-2020
To the City of Ocilla

PFB gives a bid of 3.10% for a loan up to \$450,000 on TAN for operating expenses for 2020. This bid is subject to PFB underwriting and loan approval with current financials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Walters", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jake Walters
Market President

P O Box 65

Ocilla, GA 31774

229.468.9463
Member FDIC

bank.pfb.com



January 7, 2020

City of Ocilla
111 N Irwin Ave
Ocilla, GA 31774

Dear City of Ocilla:

Ameris Bank appreciates the opportunity to bid on a \$450,000.00 operating expense loan to the City of Ocilla. Ameris Bank bids a fixed rate of 2.34%. The loan funding is subject to final credit approval by Ameris Bank.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to make this bid. Please let us know if we may be of any other assistance.

Sincerely,

Wesley Hart
Personal Banker III
Ameris Bank

300 South Irwin Avenue | Ocilla, GA 31774
amerisbank.com

IRWIN COUNTY STATE BANK
A DIVISION OF WILCOX COUNTY STATE BANK
413 N IRWIN AVE
OCILLA, GEORGIA 31774

TELEPHONE
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svickers@mywctsb.com

www.irwincountystatebank.com

January 2, 2020

Ms. Lucile Middlebrooks
City Clerk
City of Ocilla

RE: 2020 TAN Loan

Ms. Middlebrooks:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide a loan in the amount of \$450,000.00 to the City of Ocilla. Our interest rate would be 3.15% if you accept our offer.

Please provide us with a Resolution by the City of Ocilla and an Opinion Letter from your attorney if you decide to proceed with the loan. If you need any additional information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Shannon Vickers
EVP

For the New Council members, Mayor Seale reviewed the financials of the City. We have the General Fund and the Enterprise Funds which are the Water, Sewer, Gas, and Sanitation Funds.

We have to setup the loan is a TAN for the Loan. Mayor Seale request that we do the same as loan year with borrowing \$80,000.00 for the Sanitation Fund Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley to request interest rate on borrowing \$80,000.00 for the Sanitation Fund. All in favor – Vote 5 yes; Opposes None – Motion passed

- Seventh: Bids for Spray Field Contract
Mayor stated that there were no bids received and suggested that the first person to come in requesting to do the work and agree to the contract of a minimum of \$500.00 per year for the next three years be given the contract.
Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk for the first person to come in and agree to the contract of a minimum of \$500.00 per year for the next three years to be given the contract.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.
- Eighth: Bidding – Mowing City Properties (City Hall, Community House, Neighborhood Center, College Hill Park, Cumbee Park, and Police Department)
Since an Elected Official can not work for the City, mowing the City Properties must be put out for bid.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to bid the mowing of City Properties as listed above.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.
- Ninth: TIA Resolution
Mayor Matt Seale read the TIA Resolution

STATE OF GEORGIA

THE CITY OF OCILLA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ocilla, and it is hereby resolved, that the foregoing attached Agreement, relative to the aforementioned projects and that Matt Seale, Mayor and Lucile Middlebrooks, City Clerk, be and they are, thereby authorized and directed to execute the same for and in behalf of said by the Mayor and City Council on the City of Ocilla.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

BY: _____
MAYOR

STATE OF GEORGIA,

THE CITY OF OCILLA

I, Lucile Middlebrooks, as City Clerk, do hereby certify that I am custodian of the books and records of the same, and that the above and foregoing copy of the original is now on file in my office, and was passed by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ocilla.

WITNESS my hand and official signature, this _____ day of _____, _____.

BY: _____
CITY CLERK



Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Local Project Delivery Application

Section I – Local Government Applicant Information		
Applicant City of Ocilla		Main Contact Matt Seale
Contact Title Mayor		Phone Number 229-468-5141
Contact Address P.O Box 626		
Address Line 2		
City Ocilla	State Ga	Zip Code 31774

Section II – Project Information			
County Irwin	City Ocilla	Congressional District Eight	GDOT District District 4
Regional Commission Southern Georgia Regional Commission		MPO Region (if applicable) N/A	
Regional Commission ID Number/ PI Number/ and Project Name SGRC- 103 PI # 0016265 Cherry Street Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements SGRC- 104 PI # 0016266 Fifth Street Extension Paving			
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government is LAP Certified			

Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to adopt the TIA Resolution
All in favor – Voted 5 yes, Opposes none – Motion passed.

Tenth: CHIP Resolution
Mayor Matt Seale read the 2020 Community House Investment Program Resolution

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY OF OCILLA
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN
FY 2020 COMMUNITY HOME INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CHIP) FUNDS
FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Ocilla has identified a lack of sufficient funds to address the need for adequate housing rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, FY 2020 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) funds are sufficient to address these housing rehabilitation needs; and

WHEREAS, A Resolution of the City of Ocilla to Adopt a Joint Irwin County and City of Ocilla Comprehensive Plan and for Other Purposes previously authorized the submission of this and other grants for the items contained in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocilla has requested the staff of the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to assist in the preparation and administration of the FY 2020 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocilla has agreed to provide in-kind services to complete this project;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Ocilla will submit a FY 2020 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) application to address the identified needs.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2020

Honorable Matt Seale, Mayor

City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks

SEAL

Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to adopt the 2020 CHIP Resolution for Housing Rehabilitation Improvements.

All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.

Eleventh: Transfer for CDBG 2017
Mayor Seale stated for the CDGB 2017 we pledged \$600,000 to the 1.3-million-dollar project. Mayor Seale would like to request permanent fund transfers to cover grant match expenses. He would like to transfer up to \$150,000.00 from from Water to General Fund and payoff the remaining balance of the CDBG 2017

Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to approve the permanent transfer of funds up to \$150,000.00 from from Water to General Fund and payoff the remaining balance of the CDBG 2017 All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.

Twelfth: Transfer for CDBG 2018
Mayor Seale stated we pledged \$400,000 for the CDBG 2018 project. Mayor Matt Seale would like to request permanent fund transfers to cover upcoming grant match expenses.
He would like to transfer up to \$400,000.00:
\$100,000.00 from Water; \$150,000.00 from Gas; and \$150,000.00 from Sewer.
Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to approve the permanent transfer of funds \$100,000.00 from Water; \$150,000.00 from Gas; and \$150,000.00 from Sewer.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.

Thirteenth: Executive Session
Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to go into Executive Session in reference to personnel matters.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.

Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to come out of Executive Session.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed

Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to increase Fire Chief Will Towson’s annual salary to \$40,000 effective immediately.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.

Fourteenth: Report from Committees
None

Fifteenth: Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to adjourn the meeting.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes None – Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

MAYOR MATT SEALE

CITY CLERK LUCILE MIDDLEBROOKS