

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-Stone
City Clerk: Lucile Middlebrooks
City Attorney Warren Mixon
Police Chief: Billy Hancock
Assistant Public Director: Recarter Edge
Fire Chief: Will Towson

- 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 Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, February 2, 2021.
All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none - Motion passed.
- Third: Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2021.
All in favor say I -Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.
- Fourth: Bank Loan Bids
At the previous Council Meeting, Mayor Matt Seale asked for the Council’s approval to request interest rates for the General Fund’s operating expenses. Mayor Matt Seale read the bank loan interest rates received from Ameris Bank and Planters First. Ameris Bank interest rate is 2.25% and Planters First interest rate is 2.05%.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to make the operating General Fund loan up to \$450,000.00 with Planters First Bank at 2.05% interest rate.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes: Opposes none – Motion passed.

Fifth:

Honoring Diane Florence

Mayor Matt Seale called Ms. Diane Florence to the Council floor and presented her with a resolution and a plaque for her years of service as the Nutrition Director for the City at the Irwin County Seniors Center.

Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to adopt the resolution.

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

THE CITY OF OCILLA, GEORGIA

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT WHEREAS, MS. DIANE FLORENCE, Director of the Nutrition Program for the City of Ocilla at the Irwin County Senior Citizens Center;

AND WHEREAS, MS. DIANE FLORENCE has done an outstanding job over her 21 years and 5 months working the our Senior Citizens;

AND WHEREAS, she worked diligently to care for all the Senior Citizens taking them to and from Social events, taking meals to the homebound, and hosting several fish fry's and Senior Center dances;

AND WHEREAS, MS. DIANE FLORENCE received several accolades over the years from the Southern Georgia Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging Center of Waycross, GA:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ocilla, acting by and through the City Council wishes to publicly thank MS. DIANE FLORENCE for her sincere and untiring hard work at the Irwin County Senior Center in doing her tasks.

THEREFORE, let this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City Council's meeting of February 2, 2021, wherein it was duly passed by unanimous consent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to

MS. DIANE FLORENCE

Read and Adopted
This 2nd day of February, 2021


Matt Seale, Mayor




Lucile Middlebrooks, City Clerk

Sixth:

Honoring Luvonia George

Mayor Matt Seale called Ms. Luvonia George to the Council floor and presented her with a resolution and framed certificate for her years of service as the Custodian for City Hall and the Police Department.

Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone to adopt the resolution.

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

THE CITY OF OCILLA, GEORGIA

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT WHEREAS, MS. LUVONIA GEORGE, Custodian of the City of Ocilla has done an outstanding job over her 27 years and 2 months;

AND WHEREAS, that period of time expanded from June 18, 1993 to August 30, 2020

AND WHEREAS, she worked diligently to care for all employees she came in contact with;

AND WHEREAS, even the Covid-19 restrictions prevented her from coming back to work. She continued to call asking when can she come back to work;

AND WHEREAS, Ms. George continues to work at the young age of 88;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ocilla, acting by and through the City Council wishes to publicly thank MS. LUVONIA GEORGE for her sincere and untiring hard work at City Hall and the Police Department in doing her tasks.

THEREFORE, let this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City Council’s meeting of February 2, 2021, wherein it was duly passed by unanimous consent;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to

MS. LUVONIA GEORGE

Read and Adopted
This 2nd day of February, 2021


Matt Seale, Mayor




Lucile Middlebrooks, City Clerk

- Seventh: Approval of Industrial Authority At-Large Members
Mayor Matt Seale stated that the Industrial Authority Board is adding three additional members to the board and request the City Council's approval. The members are Randy Crenshaw, Sheri Rhodes, and Jake Walters. Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to approve adding three additional At-Large Members to the Industrial Authority Board. The members are Randy Crenshaw, Sheri Rhodes, and Jake Walters.
All in favor – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed
- Eighth: The Mayor's Salary
Mayor Matt Seale proposed a salary increase for the Mayor of \$8,400.00 to \$15,000.00 per year. The change must be done in an election year and this would go into effect the next calendar year. According to City Attorney Warren Mixon a public notice must to placed in the Ocilla Star three times before the Council Meeting upon discussing increasing the Mayor's salary.
- Ninth: Report from Committees
No reports made.
- Tenth: Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses 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