

Called Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 (6:00 p.m.)
Kayse Room

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

Mayor: Horace Hudgins
City Council: Mona Paulk, Patrice Y.W. Manley, Lemora Moses,
Steven Hudson, and Claire Clayton-Stone
City Clerk: Lucile Middlebrooks
Police Chief: Billy Hancock
Fire Chief: Will Towson
Public Works Director: Corneilus Hall
City Attorney: Warren Mixon
Absent: Standards and Compliance Director Joe Saxon

- First: Mayor Horace Hudgins called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, prayer by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone, and then the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was pledged and spoken by everyone.
- Second: Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, June 21, 2022
All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none - Motion carries unanimously.
- Third: Revolving Loan Fund Committee Recommendation
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends loaning Mrs. Jessica Bentley owner of The After Glow Salon and Spa \$20,000.00 for 5 years with the interest rate of 4%,
Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to approve the loan pending that the City of Ocilla RLF is the first lienholder.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Oppose One (Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley) – Motion carries unanimously.
- Fourth: Ashwin Kumar Patel Request for Liquor Store License at 507 N Irwin Avenue
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that Mr. Patel has requested Liquor Store License at 507 N Irwin Avenue. The issue was tabled until Mr. Ashwin Kumar (Sonny) Patel is present in the meeting.

- Fifth: Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022
Mayor Horace Hudgins asked City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks to address the Council about amending the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. She explained that this has to be done every year just standard procedure. Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to adopt the amendments to the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.
- Sixth: RFP for Auditing Services
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated we did not receive any auditing services bids. After a short discussion
Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to stay with Hurst and Hurst, CPA firm.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes One (Councilman Steven Hudson) – Motion carries unanimously
- Seventh: Consider McKinley Street Widening Project SWE Project 18-3234
Mayor Horace Hudgins KW Underground should have completed the project on May 11, 2022 and City needs to proceed with liquidation damage assessment and hold KW Underground accountable.
Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley for Mayor Hudgins to proceed with liquidation damage assessments and Hold KW Underground accountable.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.
- Eighth: Skip Starling Contract for ISO Assistance
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that he met with Skip Starling, Fire Chief Will Towson, and Standards and Compliance Director Joe Saxon to discuss the City of Ocilla’s ISO rating. Skip Starling has agreed to assistance Fire Chief Will Towson lower the ISO rate.
Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson
To Contract with Skip Starling with the fee amount of \$3,000.00
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.
- Ninth: Executive Session when necessary
No executive session held.

Tenth: Reports from Committees

District 1 Councilwoman Mona Paulk – no comments

District 2 Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley stated the grass needs cutting near the old Abel Funeral Home on Seventh Street. The grass needs cutting on the corner of Roosevelt and 7th Street.

District 3 Councilman Lemora Moses stated they got a lot of limbs cleared out of parks. He would like a new bridge a Cumbee Park.

District 4 Councilman Steven Hudson had an issue with water lines, but they have been repaired.

District 5 Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone asked about the new water bill customers. Why some of them do not have a bill? The issue has been resolved.

Fire Chief Will Towson asked about watering the trees downtown.

City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks – no comments

Eleventh: Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to adjourn the meeting.
All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

MAYOR HORACE HUDGINS

CITY CLERK LUCILE MIDDLEBROOKS