

At the Regular 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
City Attorney: Warren Mixon
Standards and Compliance Director: Joe Saxon
Absent: Public Works Director Corneilus Hall (attending gas training)

- First: Mayor Horace Hudgins called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, prayer by Mrs. Shirley Bowles, 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, April 5, 2022
Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, April 5, 2022
All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none - Motion carries unanimously.
- Third: Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2022
Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2022
All in favor say I -Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.
- Fourth: Property for Sale Bid
Mayor Horace Hudgins proceeded to open the only bid received at the time. The bid of \$290,000.00 to purchase the property located on Industrial Drive was from Jose A. Vega Gasca.
Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to accept the \$290,000.00 bid from Jose A. Vega Gasca to purchase the property located on Industrial Drive.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Oppose none – Motion carries unanimously.

Fifth:

Sprayfield Bids

Mayor Horace Hudgins proceeded to open the first of two bids for the maintenance of the Sprayfield which is 100 acres. The first bid is from Justin Ross with a bid of \$400.00 a month with a 5-year lease and the second bid is from Mitch Shiver with a bid of \$20.00 an acre each month with a four-year lease.

Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.

Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to award the bid of the \$400.00 a month for the maintenance of the Sprayfield with a five-year lease to Justin Ross.

Attorney Warren Mixon will draw up the documents

All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously

To The City of Ocilla,

We, Justin and Kim Ross owners of J&K Cattle of Ocilla, are interested in renting the hay field owned by the city of Ocilla. Our offer is to rent the land for \$400.00 per month on a 5-year lease. At the end of this lease, the city council and J&K Cattle can reevaluate and possibly renew this lease.

The hay that is harvested off this land will be used to supplement the cattle/calf operation that we own consisting of 200 head of cows. This amount of cattle can consume up to 200 bales during the winter months. So, you can see how this land will aid in growing calves and maintaining the cattle during some of the harder months of the year.

We also understand that this land will need yearly or biannual maintenance, such as soil samples, fertilizer, and mowing. J&K Cattle is well prepared to provide the equipment and time that it will take to keep this land flourishing.

Thank you,

Justin and Kim Ross

Mitch Shiver

~~County~~ City waste plant, Grass Field¹⁰⁰²

Offer: \$20⁰⁰/per acre with option of renewal for
~~4~~ ~~years~~ 4 years at same price \$20⁰⁰/per acre

will take a lot of time and money to get it back in hay field condition. So will need it to be renewable for 4 years. will keep clean and in EPA ~~set~~ standards.

Sixth:

AVR Billing Solution

Mayor Horace Hudgins reviewed the documents from Tammi Richardson of AVR. He stated that the Council met with Ms. Richardson last week and she provided details to them in regards to changing the utility bill system IT provider. Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses for Mayor Hudgins to proceed with AVR Billing Solutions

All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously

Seventh:

GA Power AMI Billing Solution

Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that GA Power AMI billing solution will assist the City with gas meter readings. They will retro fit the current meters so that they can be read electronically

Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.

Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk for Mayor Hudgins to proceed with GA Power AMI Billing Solutions
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously

Eighth: Designation of One-Way Alley Behind the Post Office “Monica Way” for former Postmaster Monica Causey requested by Mail Carrier Tom O’Brian
Mayor Horace Hudgins read the request and the Council discussed it.
Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to name the One-Way Alley Behind the Post Office as “Monica Way” for former Postmaster Monica Causey.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 2 yes (Councilman Lemora Moses and Councilwoman Mona Paulk); 3 opposes (Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley, Councilman Steven Hudson, and Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone) – Motion denied.

Ninth: Requesting Bids for Auditing Services
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that we currently have Hurst and Hurst CPA
We have had some concerns about the auditing services.
Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to put out bids for auditing services.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously

Tenth: Executive Session when necessary
No executive session held.

Eleventh: Reports from Committees

District 1 Councilwoman Mona Paulk stated everyone worked together on Community Day. She will serve as the GMA District 11 President starting in July and she will be on the GMA Training Board.

District 2 Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley agreed with Councilwoman Paulk about Community Day and she was glad to be a part of it. They got the basketball goals painted in College Hill Park.
She would like to meet with Public Works Director Corneilus Hall and Standards Director Joe Saxon to get some organization done.

District 3 Councilman Lemora Moses stated that he and Mayor Hudgins discussed getting Golden Environmental to help with the yard debris issue.
The Community Day was one of the best we have ever had.

District 4 Councilman Steven Hudson stated he was not able to attend Community Day, but he appreciates everyone that helped.
His district is having issues with children on golf carts with splat guns.

District 5 Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone stated she is super thankful for all the help on Community Day.
Prater Music Fest will be May 5 – 7, 2022

Mayor Hudgins provided a list for the Council to review.

Mayors Notes April 5th 2022 Council Meeting:

03-09: My office received a letter from GDOT regarding Mr. Jamie Ross's property beside the Circle K. The letter noted that the property failed to meet state standards. I have asked Joe, to communicate with Brad Dockery from GDOT to gather more information on what the states expectations for the property are.

03-11: We welcomed a new business to Ocilla the Play to Learn Daycare had there ribbon cutting, I want to thank all members of Council who were able to attend

03-17: The Public Service Commission has just completed their most recent Audit of our Gas system. While the final report is still about a month out, I can tell you that there were some issues that had not been addressed since the previous audit in 2019. The PSC has not conducted an audit of our system since 2019 due to the issues with Covid. Once we have the final report and PSC recommendations, I will bring it before council for your consideration.

I can also tell you that I have tasked CSI, to provide a plan of action to correct these ongoing deficiencies, and to rectify the issue of the City of Ocilla having only one certified Tech. Again I will have a more detailed report for Council in the very near future.

I wanted to Congratulate one of our downtown business on the selection for a grant for remodeling, "THE MILL" is getting a face lift and I encourage everyone to drop by and see their new look once complete.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the GICH conference in Cartersville this past week, I appreciate Karsen Wynn for his presentation to the group and our committees work moving us forward.

I want to thank the council for their work on the most recent Community Day. Love thy Neighborhood, ✓ was by all accounts a success, I regret that I was unable to attend, but I am grateful for all those who did.

Moving into April, we will begin working on the FY 2-23 budget. I have asked the city clerk to put forward to all departments the following request:

1. Cost to complete for FY 21-22
2. Rolling Stock Inventory to include number of vehicles, current mileage and assignment
 - a. Current staffing and salary level
 - b. Open positions
 - c. Anticipated hires during the remainder of FY 21-22
3. Preliminary FY 22-23 Budget request, to be returned to me no later than 04/18
4. Budget hearings with Department heads on 04/22
5. Final budget calculations and revision to be complete by 04/27

We will then move forward with presenting the proposed budget to Council

6. Presentation of FY 22-23 budget to council at 05/02/22 work session at 5PM hours
7. Council approval of proposed budget at regular session 05/02/22 at 6 PM
8. Public Presentation of Budget for two weeks in Legal Organ 5/12/5/18
9. Public Comments Meeting on proposed budget 5-20-22 at Noon at City Hall
10. Council Adoption of Budget FY 22-23 06-07-22 at regular meeting

Fire Chief Will Towson – no comments.

City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks – no comments

Police Chief Billy Hancock made a request for speed limit signs and speed bumps on Sly Hill Road.

The City received a settlement check of approximate \$12,000.00 for the wrecked police car and he would like to replace the car as soon as possible. Mayor Hudgins stated that we should try and get by at this time.

Mayor Hudgins allowed the people in the meeting to speech for no longer than 3 minutes.

Mr. Waymond Harris mention the time of the meeting and the McKinley Road project.

Mr. Billy Leverett mentioned the beaver dam on Frank Road. Also, the City needs to cutback down the alley behind his house near the church.

Twelfth: Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses 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