

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

Mayor: Horace Hudgins
City Council: Mona Paulk (via phone), 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
Standards and Compliance Director: Joe Saxon

- First: Mayor Horace Hudgins called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, prayer by Councilman Lemora Moses, 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, August 2, 2022
Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, August 2, 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 Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2022 and the Minutes from the Called Meeting of June 21, 2022.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2022 and the Minutes from the Called Meeting of June 21, 2022.
All in favor say I -Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.
- Fourth: Revolving Loan Fund Committee Recommendation
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that the Revolving Loan Fund Committee Recommendation. City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks stated that the Council’s decision on loaning Mrs. Jessica Bentley owner of The After-Glow Salon and Spa \$20,000.00 for 5 years with the interest rate of 4% was pending that the City of Ocilla RLF would be the first lienholder. Due to Mrs. Bentley already having a

first lienholder, City Clerk Middlebrooks asked her to present a list of collateral for the loan. Mrs. Bentley was present at the meeting.

To whom it may concern:

This is a list of my collateral amounts for The After Glow Salon and Spa:

Hair dryers (2): \$600 a piece

Salon styling chairs (5): \$400 a piece

Flat irons/hair curlers: \$300

Pedicure Chairs (2): \$1000 a piece

Refrigerator: \$350

Microwave: \$100

Salon waiting area chairs (5): \$100 a piece

Salon shampoo bowls (2): \$300 a piece

Salon shampoo chairs (2): \$100 a piece

Salon decorations/pictures/mirrors: \$500

Salon building;
Vehicle:

Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.

Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses to approve the loan based on collateral. Motion died for lack of a 2nd. The loan was denied.

Fifth:

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. Mr. Ashwin Kumar (Sonny) Patel is present in the meeting. Standards and Compliance Director Joe Saxon stated that Mr. Patel has met all the requirements to transfer the license.

Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.

Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton to approve the Liquor Store license request.

All in favor raise your hand – Voted 3 yes (Councilman Steven Hudson, Councilwoman Claire Clayton Stone, and Councilwoman Mona Paulk); Opposes Two (Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and Councilman Lemora Moses) – Motion carries.

Sixth: McKinley Street Project
 Mayor Horace Hudgins stated KW Underground requested to come before the City Council. Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Shelia Wynn made statements and Ted Gibbs of Statewide Engineering made a statement in reference to getting supplies (i.e. concrete pipes) and to the McKinley Street Project liquidation damage assessment. Mr. Kelly Wynn requested that the City give him time to complete the project without paying liquidation damage assessment charges. Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion. Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton Stone and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to revoke the liquidation damage assessment decision. All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Seventh: Opening Bids for Ground Maintenance
 Mayor Horace Hudgins read the only bid received from C & C Lawn and Pressure Washing Services, owner Carlos Glover, Sr. Mayor read the amount of the bid:

Addresses of the City buildings and locations that will need to be maintained:

	<u>Biweekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
	Price: Apr-Sept	Price: Oct-Mar
111 North Irwin Ave (City Hall)	\$ 50 ⁰⁰	50
711 South Irwin Ave (Community House)	75 ⁰⁰	75
401 South Cherry St. (Ocala Police Department)	75 ⁰⁰	75
105 North Cherry St. (Old Planters First D/T)	50 ⁰⁰	50
216 East 5 th St. (Ocala Fire Station)	60 ⁰⁰	60
412 North Oak St. (Neighborhood Center)	100 75 ⁰⁰	75
612 North Oak St. (Old Day Care)	100 ⁰⁰	100
Paulk Cemetery (Ocala Cemetery) South	800 ⁰⁰	800
North Cemetery	800 ⁰⁰	800
Northwest Cemetery	900 ⁰⁰	900
(To include all cemetery lots' extending from North Elm and continuing through said cemetery to North Oak.)		
Total Price:	\$ 2,985/8i Weekly	\$ 2,985

Mr. Carlos Glover, Sr. is present at the meeting.
 Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
 Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to award the Ground Maintenance bid to C & C Lawn and Pressure Washing

Services at the cost of \$2,985.00 bi-weekly (8 months) and once a month in the off season (4 months) making the annual amount \$59,700.00
 All in favor raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes One (Councilwoman Mona Paulk) – Motion carries.

Eighth: Setting the Proposed 2022 Millage Rate for Advertising.
 Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that it is time to set the 2022 Millage Rate for Advertising. Mayor Hudgins reviewed the 5 Year History with the Council

NOTICE								
The City of Ocilla does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the (Place of Meeting) on (Date of Meeting) at (Time of Meeting) and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.								
CURRENT 2022 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY								
CITY WIDE			2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	V A L U E	Real & Personal		48,908,434	50,907,148	50,123,818	50,283,861	57,064,996
Motor Vehicles			1,675,420	1,397,890	1,152,350	945,110	812,620	742,140
Mobile Homes			580,364	554,089	612,303	593,343	660,570	856,539
Timber - 100%								
Heavy Duty Equipment								
Gross Digest			51,164,218	52,859,127	51,888,471	51,822,314	58,538,186	63,880,820
Less Exemptions			3,889,689	5,302,442	5,069,091	4,586,944	8,729,983	6,993,228
NET DIGEST VALUE		47,274,529	47,556,685	46,819,380	47,235,370	49,808,203	56,887,592	
R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage		23.450	22.760	22.6200	23.0800	22.5000	23.9700
	Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)		5.450	4.760	4.620	5.080	5.500	6.9700
	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE		18.0000	18.0000	18.0000	18.0000	17.0000	17.0000
T A X	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED		\$850,942	\$856,020	\$842,749	\$850,237	\$846,739	\$967,089
	Net Tax \$ Increase			\$5,079	(\$13,271)	\$7,488	(\$3,497)	\$120,350
	Net Tax % Increase			0.60%	-1.55%	0.89%	-0.41%	14.21%

Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
 Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to proceed with advertising the proposed 2022 millage rate at 17.00
 All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Ninth: Intergovernmental SPLOST and LOST Agreement
 Mayor Horace Hudgins state that it is time to review and renew the Intergovernmental agreement with Irwin County. Mayor Hudgins stated that City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks, Standards and Compliance Director Joe Saxon, Mayor Horace Hudgins, and Councilman Lemora Moses will meet with the Irwin County Chairman and Commissioners to review and gather the information for the Intergovernmental SPLOST and LOST Agreement.

Tenth: Consider CSI and Harp & Associates LLC. Gas Contracts
 Mayor Horace Hudgins requested that Standards and Compliance Director Joe Saxon and Public Works Director Corneilus Hall inform the Council.

Mr. Saxon informed the Council that the GA Public Service Commission did an audit and sent documents to the previous Mayor. Mayor Hudgins met with the GA Public Service Commission in March of this year.

The City has several violations. Mr. Saxon provided copies of the GA Public Service Commission Letters. Our current consultant CSI (City Services, Inc.) has done nothing to resolve these issues. They have two 5-year contracts with the City (1) Consulting/Maintenance Contract and (2) Regulator/Compliance Contract.

For the City to resolve the issue, Harp & Associates have been contacted for Consulting/Maintenance Contract and Regulator/Compliance Contract.

Harp's testing is done by third party; therefore, the results are more accurate. Public Director Corneilus Hall prefers to proceed with Harp & Associates, LLC for training at a cost of \$16,380.00

Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.

Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley to proceed with contracting the gas training with Harp & Associated LLC.

All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Eleventh: Consider Atmospheric Corrosion Abatement Bids
Public Works Director Corneilus Hall stated that this is something that needs to be done immediately per the Georgia Public Service Commission and he made contact with both companies and requested the following bids:



QUOTE

City Services, Inc.
Complete Gas System Maintenance

Post Office Box 3217
Thomasville, Georgia 31799-3217
Phone 229.226.6569 Fax 229.227.0335
cityservicesinc@bellsouth.net

INVOICE # C-BID
DATE: JULY 26, 2022

EXPIRATION DATE 07/09/22

TO Mr. Joe Saxon
City of Ocilla
Post Office Box 626
Ocilla, Georgia 31774-0626
standardscompliance@cityofocilla.net

SALESPERSON	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	SHIPPING TERMS
MLW	ATMOSPHERIC CORROSION ABATEMENT	ACCOUNT	PPD/ADD

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
1	<p>City Services, Inc. proposes to furnish labor complete and in accordance with the D.O.T regulations Part 192.479: "Atmospheric Corrosion Control" in the rehabilitation of the following facilities for the City of Ocilla, Georgia:</p> <p>REMOVAL OF RUST AND OLD PAINT: All exposed metal piping, valves and regulators shall have rust and old paint removed to bare metal by abrasion. Riser standpipes will be excavated to six (6) inches below grade and piping cleaned to bare metal by abrasion. <i>Excavated below grade standpipes are primed with Royston Roybond 747 primer and wrapped with Royston Greenline tape.</i></p> <p>ABOVE GRADE METAL PROTECTION: All above grade exposed metal shall be coated with a Primer Coat to a minimum dry film thickness of 4 mils. Finish coats for all above grade exposed metal shall be of polyurethane type, choice of color gloss or equivalent to a minimum dry film thickness of 6 mils. Due care shall be exercised to prevent sight glass and manufacturer's identification badges from being coated by excess paint and primer.</p> <p>Labor / Materials / Mileage / Per Diem Included Estimated 5 Days Labor with 2 Technicians - One Year Guarantee</p>	\$3,475.00	\$3,475.00
<p>Total charges for the above referenced project shall be Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$3,475.00) and is inclusive of labor, materials, mileage and per diem expenses. Should the above terms and conditions be satisfactory, please contact our office to schedule this work.</p>		LABOR / MATERIALS MILEAGE / PER DIEM	\$3,475.00

To accept this quotation, sign here and return: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Harp & Associates
P.O. Box 797
Douglas, Georgia 31534

6/2/2022
Mr. Joe Saxon
Ocilla Utility
Ocilla, Georgia

QUOTE FOR: Ocilla Main Gate Station

PHMSA code 192.479 -

Each operator must clean and coat each pipeline or portion of pipeline that is exposed to the atmosphere.

Exposed pipelines are to be monitored for atmospheric corrosion yearly and remedial action taken to correct any flaws located during the inspection.

REMOVAL OF RUST AND OLD PAINT: All exposed metal piping, valves and regulators shall have rust and old paint removed to bare metal by abrasion. Riser standpipes will be excavated to six (6) inches below grade and piping cleaned to bare metal by abrasion. Excavated below grade standpipes are primed with Royston Roybond 747 primer and wrapped with Royston Greenline tape.

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- ~ **The prepping and protecting of gaskets at all connecting pipes.**
- ~ **The prepping and protecting of grease fittings.**
- ~ **The sandblasting of all pipelines.**
- ~ **The priming of all pipelines.**
- ~ **The refinishing of all pipelines with Industrial Enamel Topcoat Urethane.**
- ~ **The disposal of all used blasting materials.**
- ~ **All riser will be dug down and recoated per specs.**
- ~ **All fuel and machinery furnished by Harp & Associates**

Total Bid price: \$7,500.00

Thanks,
Eddie Harp
Harp & Associates Inc.

Public Works Director Hall recommends the Council votes for Harp & Associates, LLC
Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to proceed with contracting with Harp & Associated LLC. for the contract amount of \$7,500.00

All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Twelfth: Executive Session when necessary
No executive session held.

Thirteenth: Reports from Committees

District 1 Councilwoman Mona Paulk - Houses on 129 and Beech Street

District 2 Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley - Street naming process

District 3 Councilman Lemora Moses - College Hill Park updates and he wants to be ready by October 8th.

District 4 Councilman Steven Hudson - Street signs

District 5 Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone - Speed bumps and Community Day

Comments from the audience:

Miss Latressa Moses, founder of STEM 101, Inc., request revision of rental fees for nonprofits renting the Neighborhood Center and Community House.

They have schedule water/fun day on August 6th at the Neighborhood Center. The \$235.00 could be put towards other things. If the nonprofit has proof, the fee should be waived.

Mr. Lamont Hall stated concerns about Watson Road.

Ms. Jewell Tyson of 508 E 5th Street expressed concerns of the home improvement grant she received.

Mr. Waymond Harris stated concerns in reference to a letter that he presented to the Council.

Police Chief Billy Hancock stated his department needs body armor

Public Works Director Corneilus Hall – no comments

City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks – had an allergic reaction and went home during the McKinley Street Project discussion.

Fourteenth: Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion to adjourn.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses 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