

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
Public Works Director: Corneilus Hall
Fire Chief: Will Towson
City Attorney: Warren Mixon

First: Mayor Horace Hudgins called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, prayer by Former Fire Chief Aldene Tyson, 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 a relaxed Agenda for Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to adopt the relaxed Agenda for Tuesday, March 1, 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 February 1, 2022
Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 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 \$255,555.00 to purchase the property located on Industrial Drive was from Brian Waller.
Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to accept the \$255,555.00 bid from Brian Waller to purchase the property located on Industrial Drive.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Oppose none – Motion carries unanimously.

- Fifth: Director of Standards and Compliance
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that the Personnel Committee has completed interviews for the position of Director of Standards and Compliance. The Personnel Committee and Mayor Horace Hudgins have chosen Joseph D. Saxon to be hired as the Director of Standards and Compliance.
Mayor called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley to hire Joseph D. Saxon as the Standards and Compliance Director.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes 1 (Councilwoman Mona Paulk) – Motion carries
- Sixth: Discussion of Sprayfield
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that the person that was taking care of the sprayfield is no longer maintaining it. City Attorney Warren Mixon stated that the maintenance needs to be advertised and the City receive bids on it and whoever bids should agree to a five-year lease.
Mayor called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley to advertise the maintenance of the Sprayfield. Attorney Warren Mixon will put the advertisement in the newspaper and the bids will be opened at the April 5, 2022 Council meeting.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously
- Seventh: GA Cities (Georgia Municipal Association) Services - Emily Davenport
Mayor Horace Hudgins asked Councilman Steven Hudson to intro Ms. Davenport.
Ms. Emily Davenport of GA Cities formerly known as Georgia Municipal Association. GA Cities provides a variety of services to municipalities; such as, service advocacy and training, retirement plans, and
No vote necessary.

Eighth: Appointment to Development Authority Board
Mayor Horace Hudgins read the request from the Development Authority Board to appoint Leslie Morgan to the board.

New DDA Board Member for March City Council Meeting

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Sun 2/27/2022 2:14 PM

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On behalf of the Ocilla Downtown Development Authority, I would like to recommend that Leslie McDonald be approved as a new board member to the Ocilla Downtown Development Authority, to begin service as of March 2022.

Thank you for your consideration,
Roxie C. Seale
DDA Chairman

Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone to appoint Leslie Morgan to the Development Authority Board.
All in favor raise your hand – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Ninth: Employee Health Insurance Coverage Renewal
City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks stated that it is time to renewal of the City Employee Health Insurance. The insurance coverage is set for automatic renewal and the premiums will increase by 6.01%. This will also include an 18-month renewal next time.
No vote necessary

Tenth: Interim Director Beki Smith's Report
Interim Director Beki Smith was in attendance and stated that the 14U girls and the 14U boys have made it to the final basketball tournaments in Savannah and Bowden.
They have asked for donations to help with the expenses for the rooms and food; however, they do not have enough. She requested that the City pay \$510.00 out of the Ocilla Recreation Fund Bank account. City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks suggested to give Beki Smith \$1,000.00 to make sure the costs were covered and the Council agreed.
No vote necessary.

Eleventh: Executive Session
Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to go into Executive Session
All in favor say I - Voted 5 yes; Opposes None – Motion carries.

The executive session was to discuss personnel matters.

Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to come out of executive session and continue with the regular meeting.
All in favor say I - Voted 5 yes; Opposes None – Motion carries.

Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to give a \$2.00 an hour raises across the board for the Police Department.
All in favor say I – Voted 4 yes; Opposes None – Motion carries.
Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley was not feeling well and she left the meeting.

Twelfth: Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone to adjourn the meeting.
All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Thirteenth: Reports from Committees

District 1 Councilwoman Mona Paulk asked about the paving on Five Bridge Road. The paving has been completed. Someone has requested speed bumps on Pecan Lane.

District 3 Councilman Lemora Moses asked about the paving on McKinley Street – that should be completed in the next two weeks.
He thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up Carver Street.

District 4 Councilman Steven Hudson reported that people are avoiding running over the speed bumps by running in the ditches.
He asked about the Audit Contract and possibly bidding out the Audit for FYE June 30, 2022

District 5 Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone reported a big pothole on 3rd Street and Beech Street near G & G convenience store.
She also announced that Community Day will be April 2, 2022.

Citizen Billy Leverett commented about a pipe on Sly Hill Road.

Citizen Anneice Lee requested that the small gate at the South Cemetery be repaired and locked. She requested a copy of the cemetery map.

Citizen Waymond Harris asked about the mosquito spraying and for the schedule for mosquito spraying to be put in the Ocilla Star.

Ms. Renee Baker asked about the bid and stated that she did not see it advertised in the Ocilla Star. Councilman Steven Hudson stated that it was in the Ocilla Star; however, the bid opening date was incorrect.

City Attorney Warren Mixon stated that since the bid opening date was incorrect this made the motion, 2nd, and vote void.

The property must be advertised again. The property sale bid will be opened at the Called Meeting on March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Fourteenth: Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone 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