

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

Mayor Horace Hudgins
City Council: Lisa Cook, Patrice Manley, Lemora Moses,
Steven Hudson, and Claire Stone
City Clerk: Lucile Middlebrooks
City Attorney: Warren Mixon
Standards and Compliance Director: Joe Saxon
Police Chief: Ashley Jones

The Ocilla Star: Luke Roberts

- First: Mayor Horace Hudgins called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, prayer by Mr. Raynard Shelley, 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 4, 2023
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Lisa Cook to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, April 4, 2023
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 7, 2023 and the Called Meeting of March 15, 2023.
Motion by Councilwoman Lisa Cook and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses for the approval and adopting of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023 and the Called Meeting of March 15, 2023.
All in favor say I - Voted 5 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.
- Fourth: Introduction of New Employee
Police Chief Ashley Jones introduced Tristan Richardson and stated that Timothy Collins is attending the Police Academy. In absence of Public Works Director Corneilus Hall, who is attending gas training this week, Standards and Compliance Director Joe Saxon introduced Jacob Edwards as the new addition to the Public Works Department.

Fifth: Downtown Development Authority President Roxie Seale
Mayor Horace Hudgins informed Mrs. Roxie Seale that she had 3(three) minutes to state her concerns. Mrs. Roxie Seale stated that she had two items. The first was recommending that Holly Conner to be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority Board.
Holly Connor is the owner of Love, Light, and Grace – a community help center. Mayor Hudgins called for a motion:
Motion by Councilwoman Lisa Cook and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to accept the recommendation and appointment of Holly Connor to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

Mrs. Roxie Seale stated that Mr. Clae Wynn would address the Mayor and Council on the DDA's other concern.
Mr. Clae Wynn stated that the DDA is concerned about the selling of the property which was proposed to be a pocket park. He stated the benefits for the City having a pocket park.

Sixth: Opening of Property Bids
Mayor Horace Hudgins stated that the City received one sealed bid and he proceeded to open that bid. The bid is from South Central Primary in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of property located in the 100 block of North Cherry Street.



South Central Primary Care

R. B. Tucker, CEO
204 E. 4th Street
Ocilla, GA 31774
229-468-9166

March 21, 2023

City of Ocilla
City of Ocilla Municipal Building
111 North Irwin Avenue
Ocilla, Ga. 31774

To Whom it May Concern:

South Central Primary Care Center, Inc. hereby bids \$50,000.00 for the property referenced in the March 15, 2023, edition of the **Ocilla Star**. The property described as follows:

All City Lots Number Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block Number Twenty (20) in the City of Ocilla, Irwin County, Georgia, being more particularly described as being bounded as follows: On the North by the South line of Lot Number 11 in said Block 20; on the East by the West right of way line of the old Seaboard Coastline Railroad; on the South by an alley; and on the West by Cherry Street.

The property will be used for parking for our thirteen (13) employees and seven (7) company cars. The drive through will be converted into a usable office.

We look forward to your acceptance of our bid.

Sincerely,

R.B. Tucker Jr. CEO

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion. Motion by Councilwoman Lisa Cook and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to accept the bid from South Central Primary in the amount of \$50,000.00 All in favor say I – Voted 4 yes: Opposes 1 (Councilwoman Claire Stone) Motion carries.

Seventh: Prater Music Fest Alcohol Sales Permit
Councilwoman Claire Stone request that the Council approves for local vendors to sale alcohol during the Prater Music Fest this year. A letter must be provided to the Georgia Department of Revenue with the date and time of the event.
Mayor Hudgins called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Lisa Cook and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton to approve for local vendors to sale alcohol during the Prater Music Fest which is May 11 – 13, 2023
All in favor say I – Voted 5 yes; Opposes 1(Councilwoman Patrice Manley)
Motion carries.

Eighth: Executive Session if required
Not required

Ninth: Reports from Council Districts

District 1 Councilwoman Lisa Cook – nothing at this time.

District 2 Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley – she reviewed the report from Public Works; however, the ditches need to be cleaned out and that Public Works should allocate a day to clean out the ditches. We need new lights on the various street where light poles are already in place.

District 3 Councilman Lemora Moses – asked Standard and Compliance Director Joe Saxon to get with Public Works Director Corneilus Hall in reference Golden Environmental picking up yard debris. Mayor Hudgins stated that the police department could assist on yard debris sightings about give a list to the public works department. Another concern of Councilman Moses is the fence at College Hill Park needs to be repaired.

District 4 Councilman Steven Hudson – has talked to the County Commission Chairman Scott Carver in reference to the beaver dam on Five Bridge Road. We need to get someone to clear out the beaver dam and to set traps for the beavers.

District 5 Councilwoman Claire Clayton-Stone – thanked everyone who helped with Community Day.

Police Chief Ashley Jones – gave the Mayor and Council reports to review.

Interim Fire Chief Aldene Tyson – made a report on the status of the fire trucks and he is working on a less expensive design for the fire station. He suggests that the City buy a metal building with estimated cost of \$250,000.00. The building

would have 3 bays, training room, etc. Plan to help the ISO rating, with a two man shift with the Fire Chief working from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Standards and Compliance Director Joe Saxon – stated the Comp plan kickoff meeting will be 10:00 a.m. to Noon on April 11, 2023.

City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks – stated the utility bill information will be in the Ocilla Star this week. We had a delay with the utility billing due to the gas reads.

City Attorney Warren Mixon – nothing at this time.

Public Comments – 3 minutes

Mr. Waymond Harris – stated that there is a small pond next to Frank Road. There is a need drainage. Concerned about the Historical Area and we need to have a town hall meeting.

Mr. Reginald Miller – requested that the City should show up at the County meetings. He gave a report as the appointed director of the Senior Citizens Center. The City has hired Kayla Mack as the Site Manager. The Senior Citizen Center prepares meals 5 days a week and gives out meals for the weekend. The City needs a recreation department. The City should have a permanent marker for Dave Prater at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church and create a park.

Mr. Clae Wynn – wanted to complete his concerns about selling the property where the proposed pocket park would be.

Ms. Suzanne Crown – she stated she was very sad. She was tired of the wild chickens, feral cats, and possums.

Ms. Tara Smith stated she was disappointed with the City in reference to the pocket park.

Mr. Karon Williams – requested his job back.

Tenth: Mayor Horace Hudgins called for a motion to adjourn.
Motion by Councilwoman Lisa Cook 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