MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF THE CITY OF OCILLA COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 111 NORTH IRWIN AVENUE, OCILLA, GA

Those present for the meeting are as follow:

Melvin D. Harper II	Mayor
Chris Paulk	Council Member
Donna R. Prather	City Clerk

Council Member Lisa Cook, Council Member Patrice Manley, Council Member Lemora Moses, and Council Member Clae Wynn was absent.

Mayor Melvin Harper called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Mayor Harper stated, the purpose of this Public Hearing is to hear public concerns regarding the proposed millage rate in the amount of 18.95%. Everything has been advertised properly.

Chief Finance Officer Paula Ball explained the five-year history. She also stated the millage rate for the City of Ocilla will be 18% and the Industrial Development Authority will be .95%. Total collections should be \$1,021,215. The City of Ocilla will receive \$970,019 and the Industrial Development Authority will receive \$51,195. Ms. Balls also presented the ads that she advertised in the Ocilla Star and the consolidation sheet.

There were no public comments.

Major Bill Barrs and Luke Roberts with the Ocilla Star was present.

Melvin D. Harper II, Mayor

Donna R. Prather, City Clerk