

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
OF THE CITY OF OCILLA COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AT 6:00 PM 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
Lisa Cook	Mayor Pro Tem
Patrice Manley	Council Member
Lemora Moses	Council Member
Clae Wynn	Council Member
Donna R. Prather	City Clerk

Council Member Chris Paulk 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 stated 18 mills will be an increase of \$13,000 more than last year. The percentage of increase is 1.01%.

Waymon Harris stated he is concerned about the increase and what would it be used for. He also stated that we have big trucks coming through the community that needs to be stopped because it is destroying the road.

Mayor Harper asked Mr. Harris to give him the opportunity to investigate the situation and he will discuss the matter at a Regular Monthly meeting. Mayor Harper also stated the increase is only \$13,000. A lot went wrong last year so we are making sure we have enough funds to operate.

The Mayor adjourn the meeting.

_____ Melvin D. Harper II, Mayor

_____ Donna R. Prather, City Clerk