

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE CITY OF OCILLA COUNCIL HELD ON
MARCH 03, 2025 AT 5:30 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
Chris Paulk	Mayor Pro Tem
Lisa Cook	Council Member
Lemora Moses	Council Member
Clae Wynn	Council Member
Donna R. Prather	City Clerk

Council Member Patrice Manley was absent.

Mayor Melvin Harper called the meeting to order and open the floor up to the public.

Public Comments

Waymond Harris, 801 N. McKinley Street, wanted to know what the update was that the Ocilla Star mentioned on February 26th. He also wanted to know if the speed bumps on McKinley Street will be replaced. He stated he doesn't see police presence in the community anymore and he is concerned because of the big trucks riding in the residential area.

Mr. Harris asked for an update on the \$10,000 the prior Mayor, Horace Hudgins, received to upgrade parks. He stated he saw the checks himself. City Council Member Lemora Moses responded by saying the money was donated by Georgia Power to upgrade College Hill Park. The equipment purchased was very expensive. The money only covered one or two pieces of equipment.

Belinda McKenny, 601 South Ash Street, asked if the water bills will be received by the 20th of the month. She is concerned about receiving the bills on time and being charged a late fee even if the bills are late.

Stephanie Jackson, East 6th Street, stated her aunt was approved 3 years prior for the Chip Grant to rehab her aunt's home but nothing has been done. Ms. Jackson asked where the money is her aunt was awarded.

County Clerk Donna Prather stated the money is in the bank. Due to the City of Ocilla being out of compliance due to two audits being behind, all federal and state funds are frozen. The money is in the bank until we can comply. That will take some time because everything is behind at this time.

Meeting Adjourn

_____ Melvin D. Harper II, Mayor

_____ Donna R. Prather, City Clerk