

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE CITY OF OCILLA COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 open the floor up to the public.

Public Comments

Paul Johnson, a member of the Ocilla Senior Dance group, thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. Mr. Johnson asked the council to reduce their rent for the Community House from \$150 to \$50. He believes that \$50 will cover City's cost of utilities for the dance and the \$100 savings will allow them to continue to have the dance. He stated the attendances is now running around 45 seniors. The group is smaller than before due to COVID and they are not making enough money to cover their chargers. Currently, they have enough money to continue for the next 6 months. The Ocilla Senior Dance group is requesting a reduce rent of \$50 so they can continue to have the Senior Dances for this community.

Meredith Pope and Madison Patel introduced themselves as the new owner of Chicken Delight. They are asking for help from the Council as to whether or not a drive thru can be placed on the side of the building on Elm Street. The provided pictures of a pharmacy in Fitzgerald that built the same type structure. Electrical poles are also in the area where they want place the drive thru. If they can't do the drive thru, they will make the two parking spaces on the side of the building curve side pickup. Ms. Pop stated they just want to provide faster service for the community.

Council Member Lisa Cook suggested they call Georgia Powell to see if the power poles could be moved.

Billy Leverett stated he has been calling Public Works because he has trees that need to be trimmed so that he could see traffic. He also has called the law because of citizens running the stop sign by his house.

Chief Jones said he would increase patrol in that area.

Mr. Leverett asked, how can people ride around town without a tag on the golf cart.

The Council and Chief Jones discussed how to identify invalid tags. Chief Jones stated they would start looking closer at golf cart tags.

_____ Melvin D. Harper II, Mayor

_____ Donna R. Prather, City Clerk