

At the Public Hearing & Called Council Meeting held on the above date the following members were present:

Mayor Pro tem Claire Stone.  
City Council: Lisa Cook, Patrice Manley, Lemora Moses, and Chris A. Paulk  
City Clerk: Lucile Middlebrooks  
City Attorney: Warren Mixon

Luke Roberts, The Ocilla Star  
Quanneisa Harris, Front Desk Clerk & Municipal Court Clerk  
Lakisha Fleming, Assistant Account Clerk

- First: Mayor Pro tem Claire C. Stone called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, moment of silence was held in honor of Mayor Horace L. Hudgins prayer by Council Appointee Chris A. Paulk, and then the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was pledged and spoken by everyone.
- Second: Mayor Pro tem Claire Stone called for a motion to adopt the Agenda for Thursday, August 31, 2023  
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Patrice Manley to adopt the Agenda for Thursday, August 31, 2023  
All in favor please raise your hand and say I – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none  
Motion carries.
- Third: Open Public Hearing for Public Comments  
Mayor Pro tem Claire Stone opened the public hearing for public comments.  
The audience present did not have any comments.
- Fourth: Close Public Hearing and Open Business Session  
Mayor Pro-tem Claire Stone closed the public hearing and opened the business session.
- Fifth: Mayor Pro-tem Claire Stone asked do we have any motion to set the 2023 tax millage rate as advertised and proposed.  
Motion by Councilwoman Lisa Cook and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Patrice Manley to set the 2023 tax millage rate as advertised and proposed. The 2023 tax millage rate is City 16.05 and Ind Authority .95 which is 17.00 for the 2023 taxes.  
All in favor raise your hand and say I – Voted 4 yes: Opposes none – Motion carries.

Sixth: Executive Session if necessary.  
Mayor Pro-tem Claire C. Stone asked do we have any motions to go into the executive session  
Motion by Council Appointee Chris A. Paulk and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Lemora Moses to go into executive session  
All in favor raise your hand and say I – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion Carries.

Mayor Pro-tem Claire C. Stone stated that she wanted only the Council and City Attorney in the executive session. City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks stated that she would like to make a statement to the Council before they come out of executive session.

Motion by Councilman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council to come out of executive session.

Seventh: Reports from Council Districts

District 1 – Councilwoman Lisa Cook

District 2 – Councilwoman Patrice Manley

She asked about a removal of a tree.

City Attorney Mixon stated that a surveyor has to make sure that the tree is on City property or personal property.

Mayor Pro-tem Stone will continue to contact surveys for that purpose.

Councilwoman Manley gave a report on the Fire Station and the Fire Station bay

District 3 – Councilman Lemora Moses

Stated that for the last month he has been getting a lot of phone calls and complaints about stuff going missing. He had \$700.00 of equipment stolen off his truck. He knows the Police Department is short of help. He hopes as a Council we can do something about it.

District 4 – Council Appointee Chris A. Paulk

He spoke about qualifying and Ethan asked about his phone number. He has been riding around the neighborhood and notice that the mosquito sprayer is on the move. We need to encourage the Public Works Department to get the equipment that they need. Do positive encouragement. Encourage our Police Department to be more visible. We need more Firefighters.

The three departments, Public Works, Fire, and Police, worked

together in constant communication, they were working in lock-step and was in one direction. The paper will write this the City Council wants to say that they approve and appreciate what they have done in drastic time. He could not have been more pleased. He asked City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks to give his number to citizens

District 5 and Mayor Pro-tem Claire C. Stone

Yesterday afternoon she got a phone call from a concerned citizen, because they heard banging in the Old Elementary School. About five or six kids were trespassing and breaking up things in the building. They called the Mommas and the police let them know charges will be brought next time.

In regards to the storm (Hurricane Idalia) on Wednesday, things did go so smooth. They cleared limbs that were not on power lines. We need to have things on paper for storm preparedness

Eighth: Executive Session if Required  
Not Required

Ninth: Adjournment  
Mayor Pro-tem Stone called for a motion to adjourn.  
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Appointee Chris A. Paulk to adjourn the meeting.  
All in favor say I and raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

MAYOR PRO TEM CLAIRE CLAYTON

CITY CLERK LUCILE MIDDLEBROOKS