

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF OCILLA COUNCIL HELD ON  
OCTOBER 17, 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  
Chris Paulk                                  Council Member

Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Cook, Council Member Patrice Manley, Council Member Lemora Moses, Council Member Clae Wynn was absent.

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

The Council was unable to vote on any business because the Council didn't have a quorum.

**Acceptance of Prior Minutes**

The Council was unable to vote on any business because the Council didn't have a quorum.

**Old Business:**

*Fee Schedules/Golf Cart Tags/Sanitation/Water*

Chief Ashley Jones suggested paying for the golf cart tags every 5-years. Council Member Chris Paulk stated we need to enforce the law regarding the use of golf carts.

Council Member Chris Paulk asked Water and Gas Director Bruce Wilder when was the last time the base rate was changed for water? Mr. Wilder answered, 2020. Mr. Wilder also stated he will check the base rate for gas because he doesn't think it has not been changed since the early 2000s.

Mayor Harper & Council Chris Paulk continue to discuss sanitation and water.

The council was unable to vote on any business because the Council didn't have a quorum.

**New Business: NONE**

Mayor Harper asked Ms. Susan Driscoll to come forward to present some information about a potential site for a charging station in Ocilla.

Susan Driscoll, Consultant for Industrial Development Authority, stated Georgia Power are installing electrical power stations throughout Georgia. The Board of Commission voted to transfer the title to the old Tax Assessor's office to the Industrial Development Authority.

A representative from Georgia Power contacted Irwin County, so they told the representative about the old Tax Assessor Office being turned into a coffee shop and a tourist center so that Georgia Power would consider that site as a power station for electrical cars.

Ms. Driscoll stated they will put in an application to be considered to installation power station in 2025. That does not guarantee approval, but they want to submit the application to be considered.

Ms. Driscoll also asked the Council to approve the contract for the power station.

The council was unable to take any action on the application because the Council didn't have a quorum.

### **Department Head Reports**

Ashley Jones, Chief of Police, gave a report all monthly activity for the Police Department and Criminal Investigation Division.

Cornelius Hall, Public Works Director, encourage everyone to continue doing what they are doing. He stated the Streets Department are cleaning up after Hurricane Helene. He has trees if anyone wants to pick them up. Mr. Hall stated they might have a situation on Parks Streets during the Sweet Potato Parade because of poles being down.

Fire Chief Will Townson thanked all Department Heads for their efforts during Hurricane Helene. He stated the Fire Department had a minor situation due to the power coming back on.

### **Council Report: NONE**

Meeting adjourn.

\_\_\_\_\_ Melvin D. Harper II, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna R. Prather, City Clerk