

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE CITY OF OCILLA COUNCIL HELD ON
APRIL 21, 2025 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	Mayor Pro Tem
Lemora Moses	Council Member
Patrice Manley	Council Member
Clae Wynn	Council Member
Donna R. Prather	Clerk

Council Member Lisa Cook was absent.

Mayor Melvin Harper II called the meeting to order.

Chief Ashley Jones gave the invocation.

Everyone gave the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Patrice Manley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Patrice Manley, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Clae Wynn, and Council Member Lemora Moses all voted for the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk made a motion to rescind the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Clae Wynn seconded the motion; which passed with Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Clae Wynn, Council Member Patrice Manley, and Council Member Lemora Moses all voted for the motion.

Council Member Lemora Moses made a motion to relax the agenda to add Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Lemora Moses, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Clae Wynn, and Council Member Patrice Manley all voted for the motion.

Acceptance of Prior Minutes

Council Member Patrice Manley made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting minutes that were held on March 03, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk second the motion; which passed with Council Member Patrice Manley, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Lemora Moses, and Council Member Clae Wynn all voted for the motion.

Council Member Patrice Manley made a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting minutes that was held on March 03, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Patrice Manley, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Clae Wynn, and Council Member Lemora Moses all voted for the motion.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Error and Release

New Bethel Church & Cross Point Church

Council Member Clae Wynn made a motion to approve the error and release of taxes for parcel OC16 32 56 that was sold to New Bethel Church on January 25, 2023, and parcel 610070AA that was sold to Cross Point Church August 10, 2018. Council Member Lemora Moses seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Clae Wynn and Council Member Lemora Moses both voted for the motion. Council Member Patrice Manley opposed the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk abstained from the motion.

Surplus Resolution

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk made a motion to approve the Surplus Resolution declaring City property surplus and authorizing the disposal of said property. Council Member Patrice Manley second the motion; which passed with Council Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Member Patrice Manley, Council Member Lemora Moses, and Council Member Clae Wynn all voted for the motion.

Computer & Printers Upgrade

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk made a motion to approve the AsystYou Technology's bid to purchase computers and printers and authorize the Mayor to execute the document. Council Member Patrice Manley second the motion; which passed with Council Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Member Patrice Manley, Council Member Lemora Moses, and Council Member Clae Wynn all voted for the motion.

SoniClear Recording Software

Council Member Patrice Manley made a motion to approve SoniClear's recording software bid. Council Member Lemora Moses seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Patrice Manley, Council Member Lemora Moses, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, and Council Member Clae Wynn all voted for the motion.

Harris Financial Software

Council Member Clae Wynn made a motion to change the Regular Monthly Meeting date to the third Monday effective April. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Clae Wynn, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Lisa Cook, and Council Member Lemora Moses all voted for the motion.

Department Head Reports

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

Chief Jones also stated his department wrote four citations for businesses selling to underage buyers. He asked the Council to return the City's financial portion of the citation that will be distributed by Municipal Court to his department so that he could continue this type of investigation.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk made a motion to allow the City's financial portion of the citations to be return back to the Police Department budget to continue investigating underage sales. Council Member Clae Wynn seconded the motion; which passed with Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Clae Wynn, Council Member Patrice Manley, and Council Member Lemora Moses all voted for the motion.

Director Corneilus Hall submitted the monthly report of all monthly activity for the Streets Department. Mr. Hall also presented several types of speed bumps along with pricing so that Council can decide as to what they would like to put down on the streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk made a motion to authorize Director Hall to order 12 sets of speed bumps like those that are down on Martin Luther King Drive. Council Member Patrice Manley seconded the motion; which passed with Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Patrice Manley, Council Member Clae Wynn, and Council Member Lemora Moses all voted for the motion.

Director Hall also stated Animal Control will eventually need another vehicle to drive and dog traps. The current vehicle has major issues, and he only has one trap to work with.

Director of Water & Gas Bruce Wilder submitted the monthly report of all monthly activity for his department. Mayor Harper thanked Director Wilder for all his hard work.

Fire Chief Will Towson submitted the monthly report on all activities for the Fire Department.

Council Member Patrice Manley asked if the fire Department was flushing out the hydrants. Chief Townson stated that there was an issue at the time she was referencing but Captain Etheridge took care of it.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk asked Chief Townson about the tornado warning system. Chief Townson stated, he have a quote to purchase 2 of them for \$22,000. One will be placed on each side of town.

Council Report:

Council Member Lisa Cook was absent.

Council Patrice Manley asked are the bathrooms are being cleaned at College Hill Park and Cumbee Park? She also asked if the limbs and pinecones are picked up before Cumbee Park is mowed?

Ms. Manley asked about the missing generators. Chief Jones stated this is a pending investigation and should not be discussed.

Ms. Manley asked when the fence at the cemetery will be repaired. Mayor Harper stated we are waiting on Rains Fencing Company to complete the repairs. Mr. Rain is behind due to hurricane Helene.

Ms. Manley stated we don't need to use the City's credit card for personal use.

Council Member Lemora Moses stated he spoke with the County Commission regarding storm debris. We really need to get ahead if we have another storm. Mr. Moses suggested moving the dumpsters away from the school to 129 because of the rodents and the smell. We also need to set up a City wide clean-up. Mr. Moses also stated that he is not pointing the finger at the Animal Control Officer, Jimmy Cobb, due to a recent incident, but he is pointing the finger at Director Corneilous Hall. He stated he needs to do his job.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk thanked Director Hall for cleaning out the ditch on the corner of 1st and Apricot Street.

Council Member Clae Wynn stated the Downtown Development Authority community clean up date is scheduled for May. Mr. Wynn stated the Downtown Development Authority has a vacancy on the board. Geral George name was submitted for appointment.

Council Member Clae Wynn made a motion to appoint Gerald George to the Downtown Development Board. Council Member Lemora Moses seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Clae Wynn, Council Member Lemora Moses, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, and Council Member Patrice Manley and all voted for the motion.

Executive Session

Council Member Patrice Manley made a motion to suspend the Regular Monthly Meeting to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Council Member Lemora Moses seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Patrice Manley, Council Member Lemora Moses, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, and Council Member Clae Wynn all voted for the motion.

Executive Session lasted approximately 10 minutes.

Council Member Lemora Moses made a motion to close Executive Session to continue the Regular Monthly Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Lemora Moses, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk, Council Member Clae Wynn, and Council Member Patrice Manley all voted for the motion.

Mayor harper stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Council Member Lemora Moses made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Paulk seconded the motion; which passed with Council Member Lemora Moses, Mayor Pro Tem

Chris Paulk, Council Member Clae Wynn, and Council Member Patrice Manley all voted for the motion.

Meeting adjourn.

_____ Melvin D. Harper II, Mayor

_____ Donna R. Prather, City Clerk