

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 (6:04 p.m.)
Kayse Room

At the Regular Council Meeting held on the above date the following members were present:

Mayor: Matt Seale
City Council: Mona Paulk, Steven Hudson, and Claire Clayton
City Clerk: Lucile Middlebrooks
City Attorney: Warren Mixon
Police Chief: Billy Hancock
Assistant Public Director: Corneilus Hall
Absent: Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley & Councilman Lemora Moses

- First: Mayor Matt Seale called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, prayer by Police Chief Billy Hancock, and then the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was pledged and spoken by everyone.
- Second: Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, September 1, 2020.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, September 1, 2020.
All in favor say I – Voted 3 yes; Opposes none - Motion carries unanimously.
Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley and Councilman Lemora Moses are absent.
- Third: Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2020
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2020.
All in favor say I -Voted 3 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.
- Fourth: Utility Rate Increase
Mayor Matt Seale stated that he presented the Council with the proposed utility rate increase at the previous Council Meeting. He would like the Council to vote on it tonight.

Current Rates

	Base Fee	Consumption	RATE/1000 gals below 10K gals	RATE/1000 gals above 10K gals
Commercial Gas	\$25.00			
Commercial Gas- MULT/RATE1	\$3.75			
Commercial Gas- MULT/RATE2	\$25.00			
Commercial Gas- Mult R3	\$25.00			
Commercial Sewer- INSIDE	\$12.75	2000	\$1.70	\$1.85
Commercial Sewer- OUTSIDE	\$22.75	2000	\$1.80	\$1.95
Commercial Sanitation	\$19.00			
Commercial Water- INSIDE	\$12.75	2000	\$1.65	\$1.80
Commercial Water- OUTSIDE	\$22.75	2000	\$1.75	\$1.90
Residential GAS	\$6.00			
Residential Sewer- INSIDE	\$12.75	2000	\$1.70	\$1.85
Residential Sewer-OUTSIDE	\$20.25	2000	\$1.80	\$1.95
Residential Sanitation	\$19.00			
Residential Water- INSIDE	\$10.25	2000	\$1.65	\$1.80
Residential Water- OUTSIDE	\$20.25	2000	\$1.75	\$1.90

Proposed Rates

	Base Fee	Consumption	RATE/1000 gals below 10K gals	RATE/1000 gals above 10K gals
Commercial Gas	\$25.00			
Commercial Gas- MULT/RATE1	\$3.75			
Commercial Gas- MULT/RATE2	\$25.00			
Commercial Gas- Mult R3	\$25.00			
Commercial Sewer- INSIDE	\$12.75	2000	\$1.75	\$1.95
Commercial Sewer- OUTSIDE	\$22.75	2000	\$1.85	\$2.05
Commercial Sanitation	\$19.00			
Commercial Water- INSIDE	\$12.75	2000	\$1.70	\$1.85
Commercial Water- OUTSIDE	\$22.75	2000	\$1.80	\$1.95
Residential GAS	\$6.00			
Residential Sewer- INSIDE	\$12.75	2000	\$1.75	\$1.90
Residential Sewer-OUTSIDE	\$20.25	2000	\$1.85	\$2.00
Residential Sanitation	\$19.00			
Residential Water- INSIDE	\$10.25	2000	\$1.70	\$1.85
Residential Water- OUTSIDE	\$20.25	2000	\$1.80	\$1.95

After a short discussion, Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to approved the Utility Rate Increase as presented by the Mayor. The increase will be effective October 1, 2020.

All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 3 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Fifth:

The Ocilla/Irwin Planning Advisory Commission Recommendation for Zoning Change – Case # OC-RZ-01-2020 Jethro Ellison 214 N Alder Street Ocilla, GA Mayor Matt Seale stated that as discussed in the public hearing held before the Council Meeting. The Ocilla/Irwin Planning Advisory Commission recommends the Zoning Change requested by Mr. Jethro Ellison be denied.

Mayor Matt Seale explained the Council could vote to agree or disagree with the Commission’s decision.

Mayor called for a motion.

Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton to follow the recommendation of the Ocilla/Irwin Planning Advisory Commission and denied the zoning change from R14 to R8M which means the zoning will remain R14 for 214 N Alder Street. All in favor raise your hand – Voted 3 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Sixth: Engineer Recommendation of A.C Blount as Contractor for Sidewalk Project on East Highway 32
Mayor Matt Seale state that we have received the recommendation from Keck+Wood engineers:



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Mayor and Council Members
111 North Irwin Avenue
Ocilla, GA 31774

Re: Bid Results: SR 32 From CS 252/Oak Street to CS 538/Roosevelt Street
PI 0010669

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council:

We have reviewed the bids received at City Hall, at 2:00 p.m., local time on August 25, 2020 for construction of the referenced project. Two (2) bids were received. The following is a summary of the two (2) low responsive bids.

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1.	A.C. Blount Concrete Services, Inc. P.O. Box 1523 Moultrie, GA 31776	\$364,715.00
2.	Greene Concrete Construction, Inc. P.O. Box 1406 Fitzgerald, GA 31750	\$379,641.80

A certified tabulation of all bids received is attached. A copy of the tabulation has been emailed to each bidder for their information. Each responsive bidder submitted a 5% bid bond from a surety company listed on U.S. Treasury Circular 570 (07/01/2020). The low bid of \$364,715.00 is not within the total of the federal contribution of \$237,600 and the City of Ocilla's required matching funds of \$59,400. Therefore, the City of Ocilla shall be solely responsible for any and all amounts in excess of GDOT's maximum obligation.

The lowest responsive bidder is pre-qualified as eligible for work with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Keck and Wood, Inc., therefore, recommends contract award to A.C. Blount Concrete Services, Inc. in the amount of \$364,715.00 for the construction of SR 32 From CS 252/Oak Street to CS 538/Roosevelt Street.

Auto Owners Insurance Company is the surety company for the recommended bidder's bid bond and will likely be the surety company used for the payment and performance bonds on the project. In addition to being listed on the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570, the surety is shown as being licensed in Georgia, having an Active/Compliance status, and with an underwriting limitation that is greater than the bond amount. Please note that in accordance with Georgia Law (OCGA 36-91-40 (a)(2)), the City must have an "officer of the government entity" to "approve as to form and as to the solvency of the surety" for the proposed surety company named above. We recommend that your legal counsel be contacted to handle or suggest the

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procedures necessary to comply with this Georgia law. We can provide additional information on this issue if needed.

If there are any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

KECK & WOOD, INC.



Casey Groyton, P.E.
Project Engineer

Enclosure

After some discussion Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to approve the engineer's recommendation to award A.C. Blount (\$364,715.00 bid) the contract for the Sidewalk project contingent that the \$350,000.00 is paid from the grant funds.

All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 3 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

- Seventh: Speed Humps around College Hill Park
Mayor Matt Seale presented the Council with a request for Speed Humps to be placed around College Hill Park. Councilman Steven Hudson also request speed humps for Apricot Street between Henderson Street and Five Bridge Road. The purchase will be no more than \$1,000.00
Mayor Called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to purchase 10 six-foot speed humps.
All in favor, please raise your hand – Voted 3 yes: Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.
- Eighth: Reports from Committees
No Reports

Ninth: Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson
to adjourn the meeting.
All in favor say I – Voted 3 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

MAYOR MATT SEALE

CITY CLERK LUCILE MIDDLEBROOKS