Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 (6:00 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, Lemora Moses,
Steven Hudson, and Claire Clayton
City Clerk: Lucile Middlebrooks
City Attorney: Warren Mixon
Police Detective: Doug Douglas
Fire Chief: Will Towson
Assistant Public Director: Recarter Edge
Absent: Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley

First: Mayor Matt Seale called the meeting to order and determined a quorum, prayer by City Attorney Warren Mixon, 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, July 21, 2020
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, July 21, 2020.
All in favor say I – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none - Motion passed.
Councilwoman Patrice Y.W. Manley is absent.

Third: Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2020
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson for the approval and adopting of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2020.
All in favor say I -Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion passed.

Fourth: Sunday Package Sales Ordinance
Mayor Matt Seale stated that Councilman Steven Hudson presented the Sunday Package Sales Ordinance at the previous Council Meeting. Councilman Steven Hudson stated that he would like the Council to consider adopting the ordinance. This is the second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Steven Hudson stated that the necessary correction from 11:45 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. to end the sale of alcohol in the Sunday Package Sales Ordinance was made.

SUNDAY PACKAGE SALES ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF _____OCILLA_____, GEORGIA TO ALLOW FOR SUNDAY PACKAGE SALES OF **MALT BEVERAGES, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS**; TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of ____OCILLA____, Georgia is charged with providing for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to regulate package sales of alcoholic beverages in the City and, until recently, sale of same was not authorized on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, SB 10, approved by the 2011 Legislative Session and signed by the Governor, authorizes package sales of **malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits** to be sold on Sundays in any local government jurisdiction that desires to place same on a referendum for a vote on a general election ballot and the referendum receives a majority approval; and

WHEREAS, that in order to place the question on a referendum, a local governing authority must pass Resolution or Ordinance permitting sales of alcohol on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., and forward a certified copy of same to the Elections Superintendent for placing on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend City Code to provide for Sunday sales of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits and desires to place the question for a referendum on the _____NOVEMBER____, __2020__ election ballot.

THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____ GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION ONE

That Section _____ (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Code of Ordinances, City of _____, Georgia, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. _____. Days when Sales Allowed.

(a) No licensee shall permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on any day or during any time of day when such sales are prohibited by state law.

(b) No Retail Package licensee shall be permitted to sell package malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits on Sundays except between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

(c) No Restaurant licensee shall be permitted to sell malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits on Sundays except between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Sec. ____. Hours of Operation.

Package licensees shall not engage in the sale of alcoholic beverages except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Sunday. Package licensees shall not permit their places of business to be open except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Sundays, except that where the primary business of a malt beverage package licensee or wine package licensee is other than the sale of alcoholic beverages, such restrictive hours shall apply only with respect to the sale of malt beverages or wine.

SECTION TWO

Upon adoption of this Ordinance, the same shall be forwarded to the City's Election Superintendent for inclusion on the ____NOVEMBER_____, ____2020____ election ballot as a question as follows:

( ) YES ( ) NO
*Shall the governing authority of the City of _____OCILLA_____, Georgia, be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of **malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits** on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 P.M. and 11:30 P.M.?*

( ) YES ( ) NO
*Shall the governing authority of the City of _____OCILLA_____, Georgia, be authorized to permit and regulate on premise sales by restaurants of **malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits** on Sundays for beverage purposes by the drink between 12:30 P.M. to 11:45 P.M.?*

SECTION THREE

That the Election Superintendent is further authorized and directed to place an advertisement in the _____OCILLA STAR_____ newspaper once a week for four weeks prior to the date of the _____NOVEMBER_____, 2020___, Election where the above question shall be placed on the ballot, stating the date and purpose of this Referendum to be placed on the ballot in the advertisement.

SECTION FOUR

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION FIVE

This Ordinance shall become effective on _____DECEMBER_ __1___, 2020___ so long as the Referendum authorized by this Ordinance is approved by the majority of the voters on the _____NOVEMBER_____, 2020 _, Election Ballot. If the Referendum is not approved by a majority of the voters, this Ordinance shall be null and void.

SO ORDAINED, this _____day of _____, 20____.

Approved:

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____(SEAL)
City Clerk

After the Council reviewed the change, Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion. Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to adopt the Sunday Package Sales Ordinance.
All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Fifth: Public Works Request a New Mower
Mayor Matt Seale stated the mower that Public Works needs cost more than the mower the Council approved at the last meeting.
Councilman Steven Hudson and Assistant Public Works Recarter Edge met and decided that the Toro 74492 Zmaster 2000(Zero-turn) Mower would be a better mower and it comes with an accessary package. Total cost $6,267.98.

CUSTOM YARD POWER AND EQUIPMENT LLC
2125 GA HIGHWAY 32 W
OCILLA, GA 31774 US
(229) 831-7564
us.r.mowers@gmail.com

Estimate

ADDRESS
City Of Ocilla Street Dept
City Of Ocilla Street Dept.
111 N Irwin Ave
Ocilla, GA 31774

ESTIMATE # 1133
DATE 07/17/2020

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
mis Toro 74492 Zmaster 2000	1	8,263.00	8,263.00T
mis State contract	1	-2,231.01	-2,231.01T

SUBTOTAL	6,031.99
TAX (0%)	0.00
TOTAL	**$6,031.99**

Accepted By

Accepted Date

+235.99
Service Kit
Gives an 1 1/2 year warranty extension on the engine
Blades
Belts
All filters oil + Hydraulic

6,267.98

MS
Council Approved
7/21/20

After the City Council reviewed the information, Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Steven Hudson and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to approve the purchase of the Toro 74492 Zmaster 2000 (Zero-turn) Mower and the accessary package. Total cost $6,267.98.
All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none - Motion carries unanimously.

Sixth: Bobby Paulk's Request for Fifth Street Closure
City Attorney Warren Mixon and Mayor Matt Seale discussed the Fifth Street Closure and determined that the part of Fifth Street was a dead end and surrounded by Mr. Bobby Paulk's property; therefore, there was no need to advertise and recommends the Council vote to close that portion and deed it to Mr. Bobby Paulk.
Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton to close the West End of Fifth Street and deed that portion of the land to Mr. Bobby Paulk.
All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Seventh: Website Building and Maintenance Contract – Scott Spivey
Mayor Matt Seale stated Scott Spivey of AsystYOU technology was present and presented the Council will Mr. Spivey's proposal to rebuild the City's Website. The cost will be $3,073.75:

Date: July 6, 2020

To: Mayor Matt Seale

RE: Website buildout proposal

From: Scott Spivey
CEO, AsystYOU Technology

Matt:

Here is the proposal we discussed for AsystYOU Technology (AYT) re-designing the City of Ocilla's website. I have broken the proposal down into the phases typical for this type of project and the deliverable you can expect at the end of each phase.

Currently the City of Ocilla has a website registered at https://cityofocillaga.net. That domain can continue to be used moving forward with no need for change or update. Alternatively I did look into the .com extension for the City of Ocilla and found it is available. If you choose, you can register https://cityofocillaga.com and switch your hosting to that moving forward. This is simply an option to consider since the .com domain is more common.

Phase 1: The first phase is where AYT will re-design the look and feel of your current website. We will use your existing site as the basis for what content is needed on the new site but will update the look and feel to a more modern design.

> **Deliverable:** At the end of Phase 1 you will receive a recommendation of all content needed and a layout for the re-designed City of Ocilla website.

Phase 2: Build first version of new site - This phase will build a "working" version of the new site. This working version of the site will be private and allow you to confirm the direction of the site is consistent with the draft from Phase 1. Changes will be made before moving forward to the next phase.

> **Deliverable:** At the end of the Phase 2 you will have a working version of the City of Ocilla site that includes updates and change requests you have made.

Phase 3: Complete web site build - The completed web site will be built to work on mobile devices as well as traditional PCs. The 2018 statistics for web traffic was 52.2% mobile. This requires the City of Ocilla site to be built with this principle in mind.

> **Deliverable:** At the end of Phase 3 you will have a completed City of Ocilla site that is ready to go live.

I have tried to keep the cost of the project as narrow as possible. The overall length of time it takes to complete the site will depend on several factors. Generally this type of build will take 6-8 weeks. We will keep you updated on the progress as we move forward.

Pricing

I am submitting a fixed bid for development of **$3,093.75**. This bid will cover all work necessary to compete Phases 1-3. The break down of the time expected for each phase is as follows:

	City of Ocilla
Phase 1	15
Phase 2	15
Phase 3	25
Total	**55**

If you accept the fixed bid there will be no additional charge for work (in the scope of this agreement) that exceeds the estimate for each phase or in total.

Payment Schedule

Deposit	25%
1st Payment	25% after successful completion of Phase 2
Final Payment	50% (remaining balance) after successful completion of Phase 3

Ongoing

$149 per month - Included services:

- Hosting, DNS registration,SSL registration, Site backups
- 3 hours labor - Updates and security patches

Any additional work/services needed will be billed at a rate of $75 per hour.

As discussed, if needed we can maintain your site in its current GoDaddy hosting environment. There will be configuration changes needed on our end to manage a GoDaddy site. We will keep our monthly ongoing fee the same since the eliminated cost of DNS, SSL and backups will offset the cost of configuring our process for a GoDaddy site.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this bid and look forward to hearing your thoughts. Feel free to reach out via email or phone if you want to discuss this further or have questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Spivey
CEO, AsystYOU Technology
scott@asystyou.com
(229) 457-3402

After the City Council reviewed the information, Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to approve for Scott Spivey to rebuild the City's website.
All in favor – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Eighth: Judge's Recommendation for Public Defender/City Prosecutor
Mayor Matt Seale presented Judge Tom Pujadas' recommendation for Public Defender/City Prosecutor.

From: Tom Pujadas <tomlaw@mchsi.com>
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 2:36 PM
To: 'mayor@cityofocilla.net' <mayor@cityofocilla.net>
Subject: Municipal Court staffing

Mayor:
As I previously advised, I have been canvassing the surrounding area to find us a City Court Solicitor and Public Defender so that we can come into compliance with applicable constitutional standards, with the following (best) results:

Solicitor:
John Rumker and Ian Samsot of the Waycross Circuit DA's office are willing to serve as solicitor (on a sort of tag team basis) for the total sum of $500.00 per month.

Public Defender:
John Mobley, Tifton Circuit Public Defender, will proved Public Defender services for $500.00 per month.

Applications for a Public Defender call for a $50 application fee and it is possible in some cases, if the Defendant is found guilty, he/she can be assessed fees for the Public Defender. Collection of those amounts can be used to defray the cost of providing these court personnel.

I would appreciate if you could add this to the agenda for July's meeting so that we can proceed with these essential personnel.

Thank you,
Tom Pujadas, Municipal Court Judge

After the City Council reviewed the information, Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Claire Clayton and 2nd by Councilwoman Mona Paulk to approve the Judge's Recommendation for Public Defender/City Prosecutor as presented effective immediately.
All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Ninth: Requesting Bid for Auditing Services
Mayor Matt Seale asked City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks to give more details.
City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks explained that the current auditor Tony Quinney of Herring CPA Group, P.C. said the City has so much going on he will not be able to do the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. He is short on staff and

has health issues. City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks stated that the City will need to take bids for a new auditing service.
Mayor Matt Seale called for motion.
Motion by City Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to advertise for RFP for auditing services.
All in favor, please raise your hand – Vote 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Tenth: Truck Purchase for Public Works

Mayor Matt Seale asked Community & Economic Development Consultant Earl Denham to research trucks for the Public Works Department. The Ford 150 Truck sale price is $23,738.00. See details:

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                              2020 F-150                                Page: 1 of 2
Order No: 1515    Priority: J4  Ord FIN: QB034  Order Type: 5B Price Level: 040
Ord Code: 101A Cust/Flt Name: OCILLA              PO Number:
                     RETAIL                                      RETAIL
F1C  F150 4X2 R/C    $28745             X15  3.15 REG AXLE        NC
     122" WHEELBASE                          6200# GVWR
YZ   OXFORD WHITE                            FLEET SPCL ADJ       NC
A    VINYL 40/20/40      NC                  FRT LICENSE BKT      NC
G    MED EARTH GRAY                     53B  CLASS IV HITCH      150
101A EQUIP GRP         2280             794  PRICE CONCESSN
     .XL SERIES
     .POWER EQUIP GRP                  TOTAL BASE AND OPTIONS 34865
     .SYNC                             XL MID DISCOUNT         (750)
     .FORDPASS CONNCT                  TOTAL                   34115
     .CRUISE CONTROL                   *THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE*
     .17"SILVER STEEL                  *TOTAL PRICE EXCLUDES COMP PR
995  5.0L V8 FFV ENG   1995
44G  ELEC 10-SPDAUTO                   * MORE ORDER INFO NEXT PAGE *
     .245/70R-17 A/S                                F8=Next
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After the Council reviewed and discussed the purchase, Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson to purchase the $23,738.00 Ford 150 truck from Fitzgerald Ford which will be paid out of the Gas Fund.
All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Eleventh: Repairs and painting City Hall Administrative Office

Mayor Matt Seale turned the conversation over to City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks. She requests that the Council approve City Hall repairs which includes removing/replacing the carpet and painting the walls on the office side of City Hall.

MacKenzie Construction LLC

1133 US HWY 129
Abbeville, GA, 31001
229-425-9720
RLCI000755

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
7/21/2020	1
Customer	**Job**
City Hall	

Customer Information
City Hall 111 Irwin Ave Ocilla, GA 31774

Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
Dump fees Item, per Mo	1	316.25	316.25
Move and cover room contents. Very heavy or above average Item, per Ea	4	159.26	637.05
Paint plaster or drywall. 2 coats Item, per SF	2,500	1.32	3,289.00
Plastic laminate countertop. repair only Item, per SF	5	28.02	140.10
Carpet. replace with carpet tile Item, per SY	100	64.31	6,431.26
Rubber base. replace Item, per LF	95	7.25	688.61
Light fixtures. replace with LED Item, per Ea	5	122.95	614.73
Softwood molding, chair rail. 2 piece Item, per LF	120	6.35	762.04
*Project Subtotal			12,879.03
*Project Total			12,879.03
		Total	12,879.04

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In Hall way / Kitchen (Break Room)

Item # 551623 **Model #** U4300.212K595G144

IVC Axis 12-ft W x Cut-to-Length Delta 595 Stone Low-Gloss Finish Sheet Vinyl

28 Ratings
4.5 Average

89%
Recommend this product

Community Q&A
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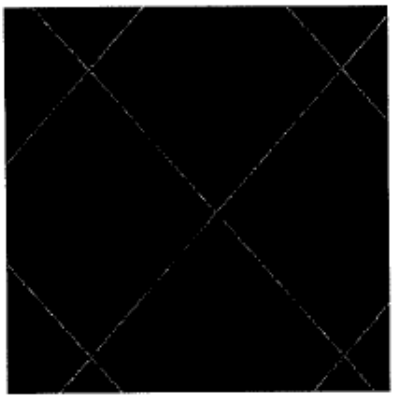

Purchase quantity amount based on linear feet (ex. if desired length is 2 feet, then purchase quantity will be 2)

$0.89 / Sq. Ft.
Purchase Price: $10.68 / Linear Ft.

- 10 year residential Limited Warranty
- Cushioned comfort backing for comfort underfoot and sound reduction within the...
- QuickClean wear layer repels dirt and grime and resists cuts, dents, scrapes and...

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Delivery
Delivery available

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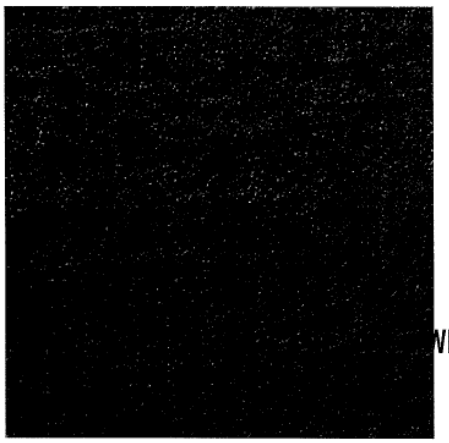

In all the offices

VER GRAY

7/12/2019 Valspar Almond Cream Interior Paint Sample (Actual Net Contents: 8-fl oz) at Lowes.com

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In Hallway | Kitchen | Front Office | Bathrooms
Accounting office / Council Room

Item # 1185292 Model # 3001-4C

Valspar Almond Cream Interior Paint Sample (Actual Net Contents: 8-fl oz)

No Reviews ☆☆☆☆☆

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$3.98

- Valspar interior paint sample allows you to try your color before painting the entire room,...
- Latex base provides extra protection from cracking, peeling and blistering over time
- Satin sheen offers an elegant, soft look and is ideal for areas like the foyer or an accent w...

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7/12/2019 HGTV HOME by Sherwin-Williams Show Stopper Interior Paint Sample (Actual Net Contents: 8-fl oz) at Lowes.com

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City Clerk's office — Two Colors

High Level

Item # 1185291 Model # HGSW1052

HGTV HOME by Sherwin-Williams Show Stopper Interior Paint Sample (Actual Net Contents: 8-fl oz)

$3.98

- Latex base is nontoxic to reduce paint odors and provides a smooth application for...
- Satin sheen resists fingerprints, scuffs and stains and offers a soft look on trim or in...
- 8-oz container covers up to 25-sq ft, adding a classic touch to a variety of decor

No Reviews

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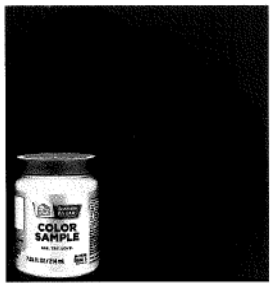

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17 Available at
Tifton Lowe's
Aisle 2 | Bay 17

Delivery
Available

Feedback

Lower level
in City Clerk's Office

After the City Council reviewed the information, Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.
Motion by Councilman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton to proceed the repairs and painting the City Hall on the office side of City Hall and to include the removing/replacing the carpet and painting in the Council room to be completed by Mark McKenzie of McKenzie Construction.
All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 3 yes;
One abstained (Councilwoman Mona Paulk); Opposes none
Motion carries unanimously.

Twelfth: Advertising the Proposed Millage Rate for 2020 Taxes
The Council has been given the Current 2020 Property Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy prepared by City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks.
Mayor Matt Seale proposed that the Council keep the millage rate the same.

NOTICE

The City of Ocilla does hereby announce that there will be a public hearing to review the millage rate for the 2020 City Taxes at City Hall 111 N Irwin Avenue on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Called Council Meeting to set the millage rate for the 2020 City Taxes and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2020 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

		CITY	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Citywide Area	VALUE	Real & Personal	50,116,017	51,552,508	48,908,434	50,907,148	50,123,818	50,283,861
		Motor Vehicles	2,726,910	2,213,590	1,675,420	1,397,890	1,152,350	945,110
		Mobile Homes	597,124	580,524	580,364	554,089	612,303	593,343
		Timber - 100%						
		Heavy Duty Equipment						
		Gross Digest	53,440,051	54,346,622	51,164,218	52,859,127	51,888,471	51,822,314
		Less Exemptions	6,135,875	6,350,418	3,889,689	5,302,442	5,069,091	4,586,944
		NET DIGEST VALUE	47,304,176	47,996,204	47,274,529	47,556,685	46,819,380	47,235,370
	RATE	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	23.250	23.260	23.450	22.760	22.6200	23.0800
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	4.9500	4.9600	5.450	4.760	4.620	5.080
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	18.300	18.300	18.000	18.0000	18.0000	18.0000
	TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	$865,666	$878,331	$850,942	$856,020	$842,749	$850,237
		Net Tax $ Increase		$12,664	($27,389)	$5,079	($13,271)	$7,488
		Net Tax % Increase		1.46%	-3.12%	0.60%	-1.55%	0.89%

After the City Council reviewed the information, Mayor Matt Seale called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Lemora Moses and 2nd by Councilman Steven Hudson To advertise the millage rate in the July 29th and in the August 5th in the Ocilla Star. The public hearing will be August 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
All in favor please raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

Thirteenth: Tax Equality Resolution

Mayor Matt Seales presented the Council will his Tax Equality Resolution. He read it and explained to the Council in details what this will do for the City of Ocilla. He said he talked to Councilwoman Patrice Manley and she in favor of it.

RESOLUTION ON EQUALITY IN TAXATION FOR TAXPAYERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF OCILLA, GEORGIA

WHEREAS the City of Ocilla, GA is located within Irwin County, GA; and,

WHEREAS some services provided to residents and property owners in the City of Ocilla are provided by Irwin County, while others are provided by the City of Ocilla; and

WHEREAS some services are provided by Irwin County for the primary benefit of residents and property owners in the unincorporated area of Irwin County; and,

WHEREAS OCGA 36-70-24 provides that "the cost of any service which a county provides primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county shall be bourne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive the service"; and

WHEREAS OCGA 36-70-24 also states that "when the county and one or more municipalities jointly fund a county-wide service, the county share of such funding shall be bourne by the unincorporated residents, individuals, and property owners that receive the service;" and

WHEREAS services provided primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of Irwin County include, but are not limited to: garbage service through dumpster sites, road and drainage maintenance, water service, fire service (including the building, manning, training and equipping of county fire stations), and law enforcement patrol and investigative services; and

WHEREAS services provided county-wide through joint funding include, but are not limited to: recreation programs, Joint Drug Task Force, Irwin-Ben Hill Joint Development Authority, Irwin County Senior Center operations, and Irwin County Library; and

WHEREAS the Mayor of Ocilla has attempted to address these issues since 2016 in public meetings and private conversations with Irwin County Commissioners, by pointing out the issue and recommending its resolution through lowering the property tax for incorporated taxpayers more than unincorporated taxpayers, as well as by instructing on how to implement a special service district and even providing the actual resolution to create one; and

WHEREAS the split of sales tax revenue in Irwin County is more than 60% to the Irwin County government even though over 80% of the sales tax revenue is generated by retail operations inside the incorporated limits of the City of Ocilla; and

WHEREAS not a single member of the Irwin County Commission has made any attempt through any recommendation or motion on record to correct this inequality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Ocilla, Georgia, seeking fairness and equality for its citizens and property owners, that changes must be made and we implore the Irwin County Commission to make the necessary changes, as required by law, to address the unfair subsidy by citizens and taxpayers of the City of Ocilla to fund

services that are for the primary benefit of residents and taxpayers in the unincorporated area of Irwin County and county-wide services where the cost is shared between the two governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the same Mayor and City Council hereby formally request that Irwin County, in accordance with OCGA 36-70-24, show documentation showing revenues received through mechanisms approved to fund services for the primary benefit of the residents and taxpayers of the unincorporated area of Irwin County along with the costs associated with those services for each fiscal year dating back to 1999.

RESOLVED this 21 day of July, 2020.

Mayor

Councilmember

Mona Paulk
Councilmember

Claire M. Clayton
Councilmember

Lenora Moses
Councilmember

Patricia Y. W. Manley
Councilmember

Lucile Middlebrooks
ATTEST:

After the City Council reviewed the information, Mayor called for a motion.
Motion by Councilwoman Mona Paulk and 2nd by Councilwoman Claire Clayton to adopt the Tax Equality Resolution.
All in favor, please raise your hand – Voted 4 yes: Opposes none – Motion caries

Fourteenth: Reports from Committees
No Reports

Fifteenth: 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 please raise your hand – Voted 4 yes; Opposes none – Motion carries unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

MAYOR MATT SEALE

CITY CLERK LUCILE MIDDLEBROOKS