

Regular Council Meeting
May 5, 2015 (6:00 p.m.)
Kayse Room

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

Mayor: Horace Hudgins
City Council: Reginald Miller, Lemora Moses, Patrice Y. Williams,
and Tyrone Smith
City Attorney: Warren Mixon
City Clerk: Lucile Middlebrooks
Police Chief: Billy Hancock
Street Supt.: Roosevelt George
Fire Chief: Aldene Tyson
Absent: Councilman Noah Griffin and
Utilities Supt. Bruce Wilder

- First: Mayor Horace Hudgins determined a quorum and called the meeting to order, prayer by Mayor Hudgins, and then the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was pledged and spoken by everyone.
- Second: Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Williams and 2nd by Councilman Reginald Miller to adopt the Agenda for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 with the addition of Executive Session.
All in favor - Voted 4 yes. Motion passed. Councilman Noah Griffin is absent.
- Third: Motion by Councilman Tyrone Smith and 2nd by Councilwoman Patrice Williams for approval and adopting the Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting minutes of the April 7, 2015. All in favor -Voted 4 yes – Motion passed.
- Fourth: Personnel Committee Report on Personnel Policy Review and Update
Table until the Committee Chairman is in attendance.
- Fifth: Election Superintendent (Election Board) and Agreement with County Attorney Mixon needs to bring the documents to the meeting.
Tabled until next meeting.
- Sixth: Revolving Loan Fund Committee Recommendation for Loans
Committee Chairman Charles Purvis was not able to attend; therefore, Mayor Hudgins presented the Revolving Loan Fund Committee's recommendation of making a loan to The Ocilla-Irwin Industrial Authority (OIIA) & Rockport Industries in the amount of \$100,000.00. The loan to be guaranteed and paid back by the OIIA, on a 10 year amortization at 1.80%.
Motion made by Walter Hudson and Seconded by Aldene Tyson.
Motion carried unanimously.

Also the Revolving Loan Fund Committee recommends making a loan to Latrecia Jones in the amount of \$15,000.00. Loan to be guaranteed by the mobile home title and first lien on all equipment, now owned or purchased hereafter until said loan is paid in full. The loan will be a on a five year amortization based on a 3% interest rate. Motion made by Billy Wayne Causey and seconded by Aldene Tyson. Motion carried unanimously.

The members present were Charles Purvis, Billy Wayne Causey, Aldene Tyson, and Walter Hudson. Howell Taylor was not present. Commission Chairman Joey Whitley attending meeting to represent the Ocilla-Irwin Industrial Authority & Rockport Industries.

After some discussion, Motion by Councilman Reginald Miller and 2nd by Councilman Tyrone Smith to accept the recommendations of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

All in favor - Voted 3 yes, 1 opposed (Councilwoman Patrice Williams)
Motion passed.

Seventh: Appointing City Representative to the Joint Development Authority replacing Mr. Charles Purvis
Motion by Councilwoman Patrice Williams and 2nd by Councilman Lemora Moses to appoint Ms. Mona Paulk to the Joint Development Authority filling the unexpired term of Mr. Charles Purvis.
All in favor – Voted 4 yes – Motion passed.

Eighth: Report from Utilities Committee
Utilities Committee Chairman Councilman Tyrone Smith reported to the Council. The Committee recommends an increase of \$2.00 for all users of the City water and sewer services effective 1 July 2015.
This will decrease and eliminate the deficit with in the next eighteen to twenty-four months.
Afterwards revenue over the debt collected will be used to repair/replace water/sewer lines, where needed, institute a possible meter change out program that would be more effective and efficient in collecting and billing users.
After discussion, Motion by Councilman Smith and 2nd by Councilman Moses To increase the utilities bills by \$2.00 per 2000 per all water and sewer users.
All in favor – Voted 3 yes - Motion passed. Councilwoman Patrice Williams had to leave early.

Ninth: Report from Districts

City Clerk Lucile Middlebrooks – presented the Council with the Proposed Budget for their review. Mayor Hudgins said that Councilman Griffin and Councilman Miller should have a workshop with the Department Heads to get proposed budget balanced.

Councilman Reginald Miller – stated for the record that Operation Save Our Youth submitted information for the budget that may or may not be in it. He met with Recreation Department and Chris Paulk to set a foundation for upcoming meeting. The Recreation Department needs a lot of work.
Councilman Miller also stated that he met with the School and OSOY
Two students could work with the City during the Summer and 1 female in the administrative staff and also code enforcement. The get out of school at Noon.

Councilman Lemora Moses – his had experience with JRROTC and it's a great program.

Councilman Smith – had nothing to report, but did ask Chief Hancock about the Animal Control issues that he had. Chief Hancock said that he is still working on it.

Mayor Horace Hudgins – stated that City Clerk Middlebrooks has been working on updating the data processing system which includes utility billing system, taxes payments, business licenses payments, and payroll with Southern Georgia Regional Commission. They will upgrade our computers and the City will be able to do direct deposit of payroll, utility bill payments online, and customers will be able to pay taxes online. The process will cost the City \$29,100.00. Each fund (General , Gas, Water, and Sewer) will pay \$7,275.00. The first payment of \$7,275.00 will be made in July 2015.

Motion by Councilman Moses and 2nd by Councilman Miller for Mayor Hudgins to sign the agreement with Southern Georgia Regional Commission to update the data processing sytem.

All in favor – Vote 3 yes – Motion passed.

Mayor Hudgins appreciated everyone being here.

Tenth: Motion by Councilman Smith and 2nd by Councilman Moses to go into Executive Session. All in favor – Voted 3 yes – Motion passed.

Eleventh: Motion by Councilman Smith and 2nd by Councilman Miller to return to regular session. All in favor – Voted 3 yes – Motion passed.

Twelfth: Motion by Councilman Moses and 2nd by Councilman Miller to adjourn the meeting. All in favor – Voted 3 yes – Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

MAYOR HORACE HUDGINS

CITY CLERK LUCILE MIDDLEBROOKS