



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

55 SE THIRD AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

OCTOBER 20, 2026

6:00 PM

**REGULAR MEETING
OFFICIAL AGENDA**

Mayor

Dowling R. Watford, Jr.

Vice Mayor

Monica Clark

Council Members

Noel Chandler

Bob Jarriel

David McAuley

Mission Statement:	The mission of the City of Okeechobee is to provide accommodating services that enhance the quality of life for our citizens and businesses in a fiscally sound manner.
Vision Statement:	The City of Okeechobee will maintain a vibrant and prosperous community built on our heritage, history, unique character, and small-town atmosphere.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. AGENDA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Requests for any modifications to the agenda.
- B. Motion to adopt the agenda as published or amended.
- C. Public participation for any issues not on the agenda requires an Agenda Item Form or Comment Card. Citizen comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless otherwise approved by the Mayor.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **September Warrant Register:** Motion to approve the September 2026 Warrant Register (**Exhibit 1**).
- B. **First Baptist Church Fall Festival Permit:** Motion to temporarily close a section of SW 4th Street between SW 5th Avenue and SW 6th Avenue on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 4:00-9:00PM for the First Baptist Church Fall Festival (**Exhibit 2**).
- C. **Purchase of four Dodge Durangos for Police Department:** Motion to approve the purchase of four Dodge Durangos in the amount of \$182,720.00 (**Exhibit 3**).
- D. **Paving Projects:** Motion to approve proposal from C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc. to pave NW 11th Avenue from 70 to NW 7th Court, NW 2nd Street from NW 6th Avenue to NW 9th Avenue, SW 6th Street from SW 11th Avenue to SW 12th Avenue, SW 8th Street from SW 11th Avenue to SW 12th Avenue, SW 9th Street from SR441 to SW 2nd Avenue and SW 6th Street from SW 11th Avenue to SW 7th Avenue, not to exceed 553,553.55 (**Exhibit 4**).

V. OPEN QUASI-JUDICIAL REZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The following item(s) are quasi-judicial in nature. In accordance with Section 286.0115, F.S., an opportunity for persons to speak on each item will be made available after the applicant and staff have made their presentations on each item. All testimony, including public testimony and evidence, may be made under oath or affirmation. Additionally, each person who gives testimony may be subject to cross-examination. If you do not wish to be either cross-examined or sworn, your testimony will be given its due weight. The general public may request the Council to ask questions of staff or witnesses on their behalf.

Any person presenting documents to the Council should provide the City Clerk with a minimum of ten copies. Further details of the quasi-judicial procedure may be obtained from the Clerk. No verbatim record by a certified court reporter is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105, F.S.). In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, F.S., persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's office at 863-763-9814 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of this proceeding.

- A. Ordinance to amend the City's Official Zoning Map:** Motion to read by title only, approve the second reading, and adopt proposed Ordinance No. 1334 rezoning Lots 1 to 4 and 7 to 12, of Block 80, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, Plat Book 5, Page 5, Okeechobee County public records; 1.61+/- acres, located between NE 4th to 5th Avenue and NE 6th to 7th Street; from Residential Single Family-One to Industrial, Rezoning Petition No. 26-001-R submitted by Mr. Jeffrey Sumner, Agent on behalf of the property owner, Diamond R. Fertilizer Co., Inc. The proposed use is to expand the existing Diamond R business, including storage and retail sales (**Exhibit 5**).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update from Fire Services:** Quarterly report by Justin Hazellief, Public Safety Director/Fire Chief of Okeechobee County (**Exhibit 6**).
- B. Agreement with CivicPlus for software services:** Motion to approve the Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work with CivicPlus for the general management of software solutions with an initial cost not to exceed \$51,268.56 with an annual recurring cost not to exceed \$57,407.93 subject to a 5% uplift to be applied in year four (**Exhibit 7**).
- C. City Clerk Position Update:** Discussion regarding the candidate selection and interview process for the position of City Clerk (**Exhibit 8**).
- D. Update from General Services:** General Services update by Tammy Parker, General Services Director (**Exhibit 9**).

VII. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

X. ADJOURN MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this proceeding, such an interested person will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purpose may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. City Clerk recordings are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office in person or call 863-763-9814, Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1 no later than four business days prior to proceeding. **BE ADVISED** that should you intend to show any document, picture, video, or item to the Council in support of or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records.