**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 3, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on November 3, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, Ed Fuller, Robin Scott, and Walter Thomas. Also present were City Manager Jeff Brantley and City Attorney Hubert Reeves.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott called the meeting to order at 6:03P.M.

1. **Invocation**

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

1. **Public Hearing to set 2020 Millage Rate followed by Vote to Approve Millage Rate**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott opened the Public Hearing at 6:04P.M. City Manager Brantley discussed the recommended millage rate for 2021 of 7.248. He explained the PT32.1 form which determines the maximum millage allowed without causing a tax increase. He also reviewed the 5-year history of levy. There being no further discussion or questions, Mayor Pro Tem Scott closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 P.M. and turned the meeting over to Mayor Rocker.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to adopt the City’s 2021 Millage Rate at 7.248. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Michael Jackson with Glenn Davis and Associates to present 2021 Health Insurance rates. Discuss and Vote to approve the 2021 Health Insurance Coverage**

Michael Jackson with Glenn Davis and Associates presented options for the City’s employee health insurance plan for 2021. He was working with Blue Cross Blue Shield for a lower price quote and expected to receive it by the end of the week. By common consent Council agreed to set up a Call Meeting on November 17, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. to review and approve the 2021 City Health Insurance plan.

1. **Review Road Name Application by Johnnie Mae Sherrod to change the name of Gumlog Street to SSG Robert Mosley Street**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the street name change for Gumlog Street to SSG Robert Mosley Street. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve Bid to Purchase 2021 Dodge Charger Police RWD Car:**

* **Butler Chrysler, Dodge – Beaufort SC - $25,695.00**
* **Woody Folsom Chrysler, Dodge – Vidalia, GA - $25,800.00**
* **Jimmy Britt Dodge – Statesboro – No response**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the bid from Woody Folsom Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram of Vidalia in the amount of $25,800.00 and to use General Funds for the purchase. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve the purchase and installation of equipment for new 2021 Dodge Charger Police Car**

* **Watch Guard – Car Camera and Compatible Wearable Camera - $6125.00**
* **McLaggan Communications & Radar Services, Inc – Car Radar - $1689.00**
* **West Warning Equipment Sales and Service, LLC – Various Car Equipment and installation of Camera and Radar - $6588.00**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve the bids from Watch Guard for $6125.00, McLaggan Communications & Radar Services, Inc for $1689.00, and West Warning Equipment Sales and Service, LLC for $6588.00 all purchased from the General Fund. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **City Manager Report**
2. **Financials**

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with the Mayor and Council.

1. **Discuss Photo Speed Enforcement Program by Blue Line Solutions**

City Manager Brantley and Chief Herrington discussed the photo speed enforcement program by Blue Line Solutions. This program is designed for “School Zones” and could be used on Barney Avenue and North Avenue. By common consent Mayor and Council agreed to allow Blue Line to conduct a traffic study and report back a presentation.

1. **2018 CDBG update**

City Manager Brantley informed Mayor and Council that $814,942.00 of the grant had been spent to date. The largest remaining expense was to purchase 2 replacement mobile homes under the housing section of the grant. The amount available for that was $107,150.00. The homes have been ordered and should be in around February of 2021.

1. **2020 CDBG – Public Hearing set for December 1, 2020 @ 5:00PM at City Hall**

Mayor and Council were informed that a start up Public Hearing would be held prior to the regular Council Meeting on December 1, 2020. The Hearing would start at 5:00P.M. at City Hall.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Rocker stated that he was still working with the Georgia Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern on resolving the trains blocking City streets for extended periods of time.

1. **City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Reeves informed the Mayor and Council that after further research in his opinion our current Junk Car ordinance is sufficient.

1. **Executive Session**

* **Consultation with City Attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1)**
* **Discussion or deliberation on employee compensation, hiring as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)3**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to leave regular session and go into executive session at 6:55 P.M to Consult with attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation, and to discuss employee compensation or hiring. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to exit executive session and reenter regular session at 7:55 P.M. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:56P.M.

**Approved by Mayor and Council: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mayor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Attest by City Manager: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**