**Council Minutes**

**Called Meeting**

**March 8, 2022**

A called meeting of the Millen City Council was held on March 8, 2022 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 Giovanni Shumake. Also present were City Attorney Hubert Reeves and City Manager Jeff Brantley.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Rocker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Invocation**

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

1. **Discuss Alcohol Ordinance and State Code**

City Manager Brantley and City Attorney Reeves updated Mayor and Council on State Code O.C.G.A. 3-4-23. Council at the March 1, 2022 requested an interpretation of the Code for applicants being issued a State License for package sales of distilled spirits, relating to residence. Both Mr. Reeves and Mr. Brantley spoke to the Department of Revenue Agent who issues state alcohol licenses for Millen and Jenkins County. The agent stated that the applicant has to live in Georgia for the past 12 months and reside in a County or Municipality in the State of Georgia that is licensed to sell distilled spirits. The local applicant has to be the same person as the state applicant.

1. **Approve New Distilled Spirits Licenses and New Beer and Wine Licenses**

Council Member Shumake made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Beer and Wine License and Package Sales of Distilled Spirits for Good Spirits, LLC.- Kyle Gay and Heather Gay. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Buckhead Beverages Inc – Gailyn Thompson was not present at the meeting. His application was not considered due to his absence.

Council Member Shumake made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to deny the application for J & T Package Shop- J.R. Schwonke due to not meeting the license requirements for state code O.C.G.A. 3-4-23. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Beer and Wine License and Package Sales of Distilled Spirits for Whiskey Warehouse – Bessie Collins. The motion failed to carry with a 3 – 3 vote. Voting to approve the licenses were Darrel Clifton, Ed Fuller and King Rocker. Voting not to approve the licenses were Giovanni Shumake, Regina Coney, and Robin Scott.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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

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

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