**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**April 5, 2022**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on April 5, 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**

City Attorney Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from the March 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, March 8, 2022 Called Meeting**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the March 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 8, 2022 Called Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Appeal Hearing – Bessie Collins Package Sales of Distilled Spirits Alcohol License – 725 Highway 25 North, Millen, Ga.**

Ms. Collins explained her plans for the proposed package store. Council Member Shumake responded to Ms. Collins with the reason he voted against granting the license. He stated that due to past neglect of the location and other locations in the City, which is owned by Sav-a-Dola Inc, which Ms. Collins is a corporate officer, he could not vote for granting the license.

Voting in favor to grant the appeal by Bessie Collins were King Rocker and Ed Fuller. Voting to deny the appeal by Bessie Collins were Regina Coney, Robin Scott and Giovanni Shumake. Darrel Clifton abstained from voting. The original decision by Mayor and Council to deny the Package Sales of Distilled Spirits and Package Sales of Beer and Wine is upheld.

1. **Approve a Resolution for the City of Millen FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application to the Department of Community Affairs**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve a resolution for the City of Millen’s Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application to the Department of Community Affairs. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve and Award Engineer’s Contract with Parker Engineering, LLC for Civil Design and Professional Services on the FY2022 Community Development Block Grant**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve and award the Engineer’s Contract with Parker Engineering, LLC for Civil Design and Professional Services on the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adopt the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Project Policies & Guidelines which have been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to adopt the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Project Policies & Guidelines which have been approved by the Department of Community Affairs. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review request from the Chamber of Commerce to approve the route of the BBQ Boogie 5K race on May 7, 2022 beginning and ending at the Millen Community House**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the May 7, 2022 BBQ Boogie 5K race route as requested by the Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review request from Main Street Millen to hold the annual Fair on the Square Parade on October 1, 2022 beginning and ending at the Jenkins County Middle School**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shumake to approve the October 1, 2022 Fair on the Square Parade route as requested by Main Street Millen. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review and Approve the 1st Reading of Charter Amendment to Amend Section 3-106 of the Charter of the City of Millen, Georgia to Establish New Election Districts within the City of Millen, Georgia**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the 1st reading of the Charter Amendment to Amend Section 3-106 of the Charter of the City of Millen, Georgia establishing new election districts within the City of Millen, Georgia. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review and Discuss request from AllGreen Services, LLC for rate increase due to increased inflation rate and significant increase in diesel fuel cost**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the request by AllGreen Services, LLC to increase the residential and commercial polycart rate by $2.00 per cart per month and increase the commercial dumpster rate by $10.00 per month per 1 times per week service due to fuel and inflation increases. This increase is being paid to AllGreen Service, LLC and is not being increased on the citizens sanitation bill at this time. The approval is with the expectation that they will improve service on the leave and limbs pickup. The motion carried by a vote of 5-1. Voting for were King Rocker, Regina Coney, Darrel Clifton, Ed Fuller, and Robin Scott. Voting against was Giovanni Shumake.

1. **Discuss contracting with the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners to provide building inspection and permitting for the City of Millen**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve using the Jenkins County Commissioners Certified Building inspector to issue building permits in the City. The County will charge and retain their normal permitting fee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) renegotiation with Jenkins County. The County has issued the Call Letter**

The Jenkins County Commissioners have issued the Call Letter to begin negotiations between the City and County for LOST. Mayor Rocker has appointed the LOST committee as himself, Council Members Darrel Clifton, Giovanni Shumake and City Manager Jeff Brantley.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with the Mayor and Council. He informed Council that $445,000 paid out of the Contingency fund for the Water Meter Project would be returned to the Contingency Fund this month and counted as revenue. The returned money is coming from a GEFA loan draw.

1. **2020 CDBG Update**

City Manager Brantley informed the Mayor and Council that the sewer work and storm water work was complete on the 2020 CDBG. Shockley Plumbing are adding dirt around the new curbs and will pave the streets in the next 2-4 weeks. The house remodeling and demolishing should begin soon.

1. **Marolyn Circle Drainage Update**

The Mayor and Council were given a Drainage Study for Marolyn Circle that was completed by Parker Engineering in October 2021. The study describes the area as wet soils and very little can be done in the ditch to improve the area. The city plans to clean out the ditch as described in the report as soon as the area dries out. Equipment on the wet soil would cause damage and rutting.

1. **Water Meter Project**

The Mayor and Council informed that the meter changeout was on schedule. Meter Install Group has finished the residential meters and will begin changing out the commercial water meters on April 11, 2022. The project should be complete by mid-May.

1. **GMA’s Georgia Cities Week Activities April 24-30th**

The City will hold an open house from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by an employee appreciation luncheon at 12:00 p.m. on April 28, 2022.

1. **Blight Tax**

City Manager Brantley discussed the steps to impose the Blight Tax with Mayor and Council. A certified building inspector must complete an inspection report to begin the Blight Tax process. By common consent council approved contracting with a private certified building inspector and the Jenkins County’s building inspector to complete reports for the City.

1. **Mayor’s Comments/Report**

Nothing to report

1. **City Attorney Comments/Report**

Nothing to report

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

A Council workshop date was set for May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and other topics.

1. **Executive Session**

**Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a city officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to leave regular session and enter executive session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss personnel. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to exit executive session at 8:17 p.m. and return to regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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

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

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