**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 6, 2022**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on September 6, 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. Regina Coney arrived at 6:09 p.m. 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**
2. **Approve Minutes from the August 2, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Council Member Coney was not present for the vote.

1. **Citizen Request by Jamey Lee to be placed on the agenda – To discuss large trucks on portion of Barney Avenue and Old Waynesboro Road**

Jamey Lee addressed Council about access to a lot on the northwest corner of Barney Avenue and Old Waynesboro Road. He is currently parking his tractor trailers which haul logs on the lot. He requests permission to access the lot by traveling on City streets Barney Avenue and Old Waynesboro Road. He can access the lot using US Highway 25 but has trouble making the turn from the north bound lane. After discussion alternative solutions were suggested, Council declined to grant permission to use City streets.

1. **Discuss City of Millen Property Tax Millage Rate and set Public Hearing Date**

City Manager Brantley reviewed the property tax numbers provided to the City from the Jenkins County Tax Commissioner. City Manager Brantley recommended a net M & O Millage of 7.219 which is slightly lower than last years 7.246. 7.219 is the maximum millage that can be assessed without a tax increase levy. City Manager Brantley recommended holding a Public Hearing and for Mayor and Council to approve the rate during the regular October 4, 2022 council meeting. By common consent the mayor and council agreed with the rate and timeline for approval.

1. **Review and Approve Bids for Community House Renovations**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the bid by Rodney Oglesby Construction for renovations to the Millen Community House up to the amount of $14,000.00. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss updating the Junk Cars Ordinance**

The current Junk Car Ordinance was reviewed and suggestions were given to City Attorney Reeves. Mr. Reeves will prepare an updated ordinance for review at the October 4, 2022 meeting.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with the Mayor and Council. He informed them that the amount for of residential utility bill credit was $59,950.00 which involved 1199 accounts. The amount of $59,950.00 would be credited to the General Fund from the ARPA Fund during the month of September.

1. **EDA Grant Update**

City Manager Brantley updated Council on the progress of the EDA Grant and the GEFA loan which will be used to cover the grant match.

1. **Staffing Update**

The following report was given on vacancies by department:

Administration – Full

Utilities – 1 short

Public Works – 1 short

Police – 1 short

Fire – 1 short

1. **Projects Accepting Bids**

Council was informed the city has 3 projects out for bid. The bid openings are as follows:

9-15-22 at 11:00 am Pump Station Replacement

9-22-22 at 2:00 pm 2021 CDBG (Palmer Row)

9-29-22 11:00 am 2022 LMIG paving project

1. **Mayor’s Comments/Report**

No Comments

1. **City Attorney Comments/Report**

No Comments

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

No Comments

1. **Executive Session**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss personnel and compensation at 7:18 pm. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to exit executive session and enter regular session at 8:04 pm.

**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(6)**

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

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

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

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