**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**July 6, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on July 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Council Members Darrel Clifton, Ed Fuller, Robin Scott and Walter Thomas. Absent were Mayor King Rocker and Council Member Regina Coney. Also, present were City Manager Jeff Brantley and City Attorney Hubert Reeves.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

1. **Invocation**

City Attorney Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from June 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss and Approve a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of Walnut Street and Barney Avenue**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the installation of a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of Barney Avenue and Walnut Street. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss Grant Opportunity for $4,000,000.00 for water and sewer on west side of Millen for Economic Development**

Council Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to support the application of an Economic Development Administration grant in the amount of $4,000,000.00 that requires a 20% match. The grant is for the addition of water and sewer on the Highway 25 north corridor for a prospective industry being recruited by the Jenkins County Development Authority. The motion also approved the

approval of Gilbert and Associates, Inc as the Grant Writer/Administrator and Parker

Engineering LLC as the engineering firm. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials and stated that at Fiscal Year end, the city had surplus revenues of $527,118.84.

1. **2018 CDBG Update**

Council was informed that the 2018 CDBG should be completed in the next week. The final three homes have been demolished and removed and the 2 replacement mobile homes are scheduled to be installed in the next few days. These improvements would complete the grant.

1. **2020 CDBG Update**

Council was informed that the bid opening for the 2020 CDBG utility construction was scheduled for July 22, 2021. Council would have the bids at the regular August meeting to approve.

1. **Sanitation Update**

City Manager Brantley informed Council that the City and Allgreen were in constant communication to work through issues with the transition of the sanitation services. Allgreen has hired a landfill manager for Millen that would be able to follow up on complaints and missed collections.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

No Report

1. **City Attorney Report**

City Attorney presented council with a proposed Code Amendment update to Chapter 26 of the City’s code dealing with sanitation. He asked Council to review the changes and bring back questions for the next meeting.

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(6)**

Council Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to leave regular session and enter executive session at 6:38 PM to discuss employee compensation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit executive session and enter regular session at 6:50 P.M. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve raises for all full-time employees that are not within their new hire probationary period as follows: if making less than $12.00 per hour they would receive a $1 per hour increase, employees making over $12.00 per hour would receive a 2.5% increase. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Pro Tem Clifton adjourned the meeting at 6:50P.M.

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

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

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