**Council Minutes**

**Millen City Council**

**July 2, 2024**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on July 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Robin Scott, Council Members Joel Carter, Sr., Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, and Ed Fuller. Mayor King Rocker was participating by telephone and did not vote on any items. Also present were City Attorney Hubert Reeves and City Manager Jeff Brantley.**

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Invocation**

City Attorney Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Approved the Amended Agenda adding Line Item 5**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from June 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting**

**Approve Minutes from June 18, 2024 Called Council Meeting**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Hear Presentation from Foster Beelief Foundation founder Sade Shofidiya for Partnership Agreement for a EPA Community Change Grant**

Ms. Shofidiya was not able to attend. Council agreed by common consent to have a called meeting on July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to hear the grant presentation from Foster Beelief Foundation.

1. **Approve City of Millen Surplus Vehicle List**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the Surplus Vehicle List dated July 2, 2024. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss and Approve Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement between Jenkins County and City of Millen for the 2026 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Jenkins County and the City of Millen for the 2026 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve a Resolution allowing the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Jenkins County for the 2026 Special Local Option Sales Tax. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review and Approve Bids for the 2024 Millen Street Improvements Project (LMIG)**

* **Ellis Wood Contracting, Inc - $168,645.00**
* **Sikes Brothers, Inc - $171,038.00**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the 2024 Millen Street Improvements Project (LMIG) bid from Ellis Wood Contracting, Inc in the amount of $168,645.00 using LMIG funds and T-Splost funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Citizen Request to Address Council – Shanelle Carr**

Shanelle Carr briefed Council on an initiative with CRAVIN for National Night Out Against Crime on August 6, 2024 from 4-6pm. She requested Council donate the use of the Community House. After discussion Council decided they couldn’t waive the fee because other groups would request the same. Council agreed to personally pay the rental fee for the event.

1. **Citizen Request to Address Council – Gwen Watson**

Gwen Watson discussed the newly formed Jenkins County Merchants Association and their desire to recognize a member of the community each month for the person civic/community efforts.

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

Financials were reviewed by City Manager Brantley. He noted the month of June net revenue was -$61,193 and the fiscal year end net revenue was $248,605. Compared to year over year that was a swing of $358,740 positive net revenue.

1. **CDBG Updates**

Updates on the active CDBG’s was given:

2020 – Reviewed by the Department of Community Affairs and account closed.

2021 – Reviewed by the DCA and final draw has been submitted and the City has $194,546 to DE obligate back to the DCA.

2023 – Design is being completed and the project should be bid out in late summer.

2024 – The DCA will announce awards in late August early September.

1. **EDA Grant Update**

Council was updated on the EDA Grant for water well #5 and the White Oak Road/US Hwy 25 water line project. The proposed elevated water tank was dropped due to high bid cost. A booster pump is being reviewed by the EDA as a substitute for the storage tank.

1. **RDF Grant Update**

Work is progressing and the project is about 65% complete.

1. **Update on Council Cards**

Council was informed their business cards were proofed and now being printed. They should be available in a couple of weeks.

1. **Update on the City Website**

Council was updated about the improvements to the City’s website. The site is up and viewable, but still in maintenance mode. Updates to Minutes and other items are not available while work is being completed. The site is located at www.jenkinscountyga.com

1. **Mayor’s Report**

No report

1. **City Attorney Report**

No report

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Clifton commented on the July 15th Zoom Stakeholders call with the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding the overpass at the Millen By Pass.

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 Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss compensation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit executive session and enter regular session at 7:24 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve employee raises based on option 2 of the attached document. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

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

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