**Council Minutes**

**Millen City Council**

**August 6, 2024**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on August 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Joel Carter Sr., Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, Ed Fuller, and Robin Scott. Also present were City Attorney Hubert Reeves, and City Manager Jeff Brantley.**

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Rocker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. **Invocation**

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

1. **Approve Amended Agenda adding Item 11**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approved the amended agenda. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Council Member Scott was not present for the vote.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from July 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting**

**Approve Minutes from July 15, 2024 Called Council Meeting**

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

1. **Review and Approve Charging Station License Agreement with Georgia Power**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the charging station license agreement with Georgia Power using the City owned parking lot at the corner of Winthrope Avenue and Harvey Street. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss request from MainStreet Millen to allow a beer truck to sell beer at the October 5, 2024 Fair on the Square evening concert and dance**

Council discussed the request from MainStreet Millen to permit a beer truck to sell beer at the October 5, 2024 Fair on the Square evening concert. The beer truck vendor has a state permit but needed an approval letter from Mayor and Council. After discussion, the City Attorney gave a legal opinion stating the current City Ordinance does not legally allow the granting of this request. Council tabled this issue with the possibility to look at future revision of the City Ordinance.

1. **CHIP Grant - Review and Approve the Language Access Plan 2023-2028 for the City of Millen**

Council Member Cliton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the City of Millen Language Access Plan for 2023 – 2028 for the 2024 CHIP grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **CHIP Grant – Adopt Resolution for Homeowners Eligibility and Property Value Limits**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to adopt a resolution for Homeowners Eligibility and Property Value Limits for the City of Millen 2024 CHIP grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **CHIP Grant – Adopt Resolution of Georgia Statutes Policies by Local Governmental Entities**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to adopt a resolution of Georgia Statutes Policies by Local Government Entities for the City of Millen 2024 CHIP grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **CHIP Grant – Adopt Resolution for CHIP Policies and Procedures**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt a resolution for CHIP policies and procedures for the City of Millen 2024 CHIP grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **CHIP Grant – Adopt Resolution for the Cit of Millen Section 3 Plan**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to adopt a resolution for the City of Millen Section 3 Plan. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review the 2024 LMIG List**

Mayor and Council reviewed the 2024 LMIG list with new streets added to replace the streets that have been paved on the prior 2021 list. By common consent council accepted the list with the understanding the list was not in a needs order. Council was also informed the amount for the Fiscal Year 2025 LMIG award is $54,392.50.

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

Gwen Watson on behalf of the Jenkins County Merchants Association addressed Council with the presentation of a plaque to City Manager Jeff Brantley.

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

The financials were reviewed by City Manager Brantley. He noted the month of July net revenues were $22,562.71. He informed Council that auditor Patricia Hunter would be at City Hall the week of August 19th working on the audit.

1. **Vehicle Updates**

Council was informed that 5 vehicles have been delivered from Enterprise Rentals as follows: 2024 Chevrolet 2500 Service body; two 2024 Chevrolet Colorado’s; two Ford Mavericks. Also 4 Ford F-150 police trucks are on order. The City has three vehicles for sale on Govdeals.com and more would be listed soon. Also, the 2022 GMC 2500 Service body truck we listed as surplus is waiting for auction.

1. **EDA Grant Update**

Council was informed that the well and water line were progressing as scheduled. The water line was about 85% complete. The well is progressing and will take about five months to complete. The City has drawn $920,259.20 from the GEFA loan and nothing from the EDA grant. The EDA has not yet approved substituting a booster pump station in place of the elevated water tank that was dropped from the project due to high bid prices.

Council was informed the City had been awarded the SEID Grant in the amount of $538,349 to add a 12 inch water main on North Avenue.

1. **RDF Grant Update**

Council was informed the RDF Grant for the Kirkland building was about 76% complete. Currently $573,345 had been drawn in grant funds and there is no City match on this grant.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Rocker informed Council that Governor Kemp has added $10 million from the State’s surplus to the State Route 21 railroad overpass. The addition of this money should provide enough to complete the project. The project has an estimated time of completion by the end of 2027.

1. **City Attorney Report**

No Report

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Carter informed Council the Crime Night Out Event that was scheduled for August 6, 2024 was moved to October 7, 2024 due to the tropical storm.

1. **Executive Session**

Not Needed

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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