**Council Minutes**

**Millen City Council**

**February 4, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Joel Carter Sr, Darrel Clifton, Ed Fuller and Robin Scott. Absent was Council Member Regina Coney. Also present was City Manager Jeff Brantley.**

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Rocker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Invocation**

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from January 7, 2025 Regular Council Minutes**

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

1. **Presentation of City Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Findings from City Auditor Patricia Hunter**

Auditor Patricia Hunter along with Leslie Brannen from Reddick, Riggs, Hunter and Colson PC reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit with Mayor and Council. They reported no finding and the City’s overall financial position improved during the year end June 30, 2024.

1. **Discuss House Bill 581**

Mayor and Council discussed House Bill 581 and the intentions of the County and the School Board to opt in.

1. **Discuss and Review Resolution to add Referendum to the November 4, 2025 City Election Ballot for sale of distilled spirits for beverage purposes by the drink and consumption on the premises**

Mayor and Council discussed the Resolution prepared by City Attorney Reeves and tabled the decision until the March regular meeting.

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

Finances for January 2025 were reviewed by Mayor and Council. Net revenue for January were $61,062 and year to date net revenue was $46,427. Outstanding property taxes are $105,795 of which $91,830 are for 2024.

1. **2020 RDF Grant Kirkland Building Update**

Council was informed that the final walk through of the building with the contractor and the architect has been performed. The building is complete to the stabilization grant specifications, and the final grant draw of funds has been submitted to the DCA. The total grant funds are $750,000 disbursements as follows: Contractor - $650,600.00; Grant Administrator - $45,000.00; Architect - $52,978.46 and $1421.54 de obligated back to the DCA.

1. **Sanitation Update**

Council was updated on Allgreen Services sanitation pickup. During the snow storm Allgreen could not pick up trash on January 23rd and 24th due to road conditions and the closure of the landfill in Savannah. They agreed to pickup addition garbage beside the polycarts the following week, which they did. There is a force majeure clause in the contract that allows them to miss pickups under these extreme circumstances out of their control.

1. **FEMA Update**

Council was informed on the progress of the FEMA storm debris reimbursements.

Category B – Emergency Service– Paper work complete and submitted for approval - $27,919.42

Category E & G – Buildings Damage – FEMA to reimburse the City for insurance deductible of $10,000.00. Submitted for approval.

Category A – Storm Debris Removal – Labor Summary submitted - $89,200.20 and the equipment usage/rental is being compiled for submittal.

Category Z – Administrative Cost – Will be compiled at the end of the process.

City Manager Brantley discussed a grant funding opportunity from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for a playground. Council by common consent gave approval to move forward with the application with a match up to 50% with land, in kind labor and cash.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Nothing to report

1. **City Attorney Report**

Not Present

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Carter asked about receiving an update on all the City’s grants and project and who writes the grants for the City.

1. **Executive Session**

Council Member Scott made a motion at 6:58 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fuller to leave regular session and enter executive session to discuss future acquisition, disposal or lease of real estate. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Clifton made a motion at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit executive session and enter regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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

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

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