**Council Minutes**

**Millen City Council**

**April 1, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on April 1, 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, 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 6:00 p.m.

1. **Invocation**

City Attorney Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from March 4, 2025 Regular 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. **Review and Approve 2025 Surplus Vehicle and Equipment List**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the 2025 Surplus Vehicle and Equipment List. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the list is attached to the minutes.

1. **Approve closing Cotton Avenue the evening of October 4, 2025 for Main Street Millen to host a street concert after the Fair on the Square event**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to allow Main Street Millen to close Cotton Avenue on the evening of October 4, 2025 for a street concert after the Fair on the Square event. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Financials were reviewed with Mayor and Council. The City reported a net revenue of $81,927.25 for March and a year-to-date net revenue of $248,339.66. It was also noted that the City’s property and casualty insurance quote has a 20% increase for the period 5-1-2025 to 4-30-2026.

1. **Flock Camera Installation**

Council was informed that the 2 Flock Cameras that were contracted early last year have now been installed. One is located on South Highway 25 and the other is on North Highway 25. These cameras will be used to detect car tag issues and used for crime fighting.

1. **2025 LRA Funds (LMIG Supplement)**

Council was informed that the State has granted addition LMIG funds for FY 2025. The City received $54,392.50 from LMIG and will now receive $66,730.49 in FY 2025 LMIG Supplemental funds. The next project for LMIG road paving is Tanglewood, Lee, Dixie Cresent and Hill Streets.

1. **Tax Letters – Intent to FIFA**

Council was informed that intent to FIFA letter were sent out on all outstanding 2024 tax parcels. The letters were mailed out on March 24th.

1. **GEFA – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**

Council was informed that the City is moving from a waitlist to receive and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from GEFA to make City buildings more energy efficient. The grant includes a study of the buildings and implementation of a plan.

1. **CDBG and SEID grant updates**

The 2023 CDBG is in progress. Th sewer line improvement is complete. The water main is about 50% complete and the storm water pipes should start as soon as the water lines are complete. The final phase will be resurfacing the roads and adding sidewalks to Buckhead Road from Palmer Row to Drexel.

The surveying is complete on the SEID grant to add a new 12-inch water main along North Avenue. The engineer is now in design phase and should have the project ready for bid in about 2 months.

1. **Congressional Direct Spending Request**

City Manager Brantley informed Council that Senator Ossoff had opened his Congressional Direct Spending request portal. The City has requested funding to install the elevated water storage tank that was removed from the EDA grant due to high bids and funding shortfalls. This CDS funding could possibly be used with the excess EDA funds to complete the project. Senator Warnock opened his funding request later and the Downtown Development Authority was requesting playground equipment for the Community House lot.

Council was informed the City had to secure a new drug testing firm due to Nationwide Testing closing with just a 5-day notice.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Rocker updated Council on the progress for the Railroad Overpass on the By Pass. He stated the project could be sent to bid in November 2025.

1. **City Attorney Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Coney wanted to thank all the City employees for their work.

1. **Executive Session**

Executive Session was not needed.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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

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

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