**Council Minutes**

**Millen City Council**

**June 3, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on June 3, 2025 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, and Ed Fuller. Absent was Council Member Scott. Also present were City Attorney Hubert Reeves, City Manager Jeff Brantley and others on attached list.**

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. **Public Hearing For 2026 Fiscal Year Budget**

Mayor Rocker opened the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget at 6:01 p.m.

City Manager Brantley explained the budget approval process and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget changes from the 2025 Budget. Mayor Rocker called for questions or discussion from Council and the Audience. Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 P.M.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from May 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting**

**Approve Minutes from May 27, 2025 Budget Workshop**

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

1. **Discuss need to fill two unexpired seats on the Planning and Zoning Board**

City Manager Brantley informed Council that there are two unexpired terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission that need to be filled. The positions are for Jeanette Keezel (deceased) term expiring 12-31-2027 and Joanne Shumake (medical reasons) term expiring 12-31-2025. Mayor Rocker asked Council to submit names of prospective Board member to City Manager Brantley prior to the July regular meeting. Council Member Carter suggested a vetting form be created for prospective Board members to submit to Council for approval.

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

City Manager Brantley presented Mayor and Council with the monthly financials. The Net revenue for May was -86,133 with year-to-date Net revenues for May at $284,238. There were two large one-time expenses for the month to Publiq Software ($18,451) for the annual operating software cost and $3746 to Brightly for the annual work order software. The City has received the FEMA payment for Category B storm damage in the amount of $27,919.

1. **Grant Updates**

Updates on the current active grants were given by City Manager Brantley. The grants discussed were the 2023 CDBG – water, sewer, storm and roadway improvements, 2023 SEID Grant – new water main addition, 2024 CHIP – housing grant, 2024 NRCS Grant – storm debris cleanup in populated areas of City waterways, and the 2021 EDA Grant – for water improvements on the west side of Millen to a new development park.

1. **FEMA Update**

Mayor and Council were given a breakdown on the FEMA funds for Category A Hurricane Helene cleanup. The total amount is $351,027.47., and the funds have been submitted from FEMA to the state for payment to the City.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Rocker mentioned the Millen Highway 21 By Pass overpass at the railroad crossing is still scheduled to be let out for bid in November of 2025.

1. **City Attorney Report**

Nothing to report

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Clifton inquired about the relocation of the picnic tables at the Cotton Market Park. The tables were purchased by the Millen Rotary Club and were moved to the grass area behind the Millen Community House. The City no longer rents the Cotton Market lot from the Railroad, the owners of the property, due to the railroad increasing the annual rent significantly. The Cotton Market is not being used since the Chamber of Commerce moved the Produce Market to the train viewing platform.

1. **Executive Session**

* **Consultation with the city attorney on potential or pending litigation, settlements, claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1),**
* **Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2)**
* **Discussion on compensation as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)**

Council Member Coney made a motion at 6:29 p.m. to leave regular session and enter executive session to discuss legal matter with the City Attorney, tax matters, and employee compensation, seconded by Council Member Fuller. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coney made motion at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit executive session and enter regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to adopt a resolution to add a Sanitation Fee to the 2025 City property tax bills on all R-1 and C-1 properties as designated by the Jenkins County Tax Assessor maps. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve a 2% raise for employees and give the City Manager discretion to give larger amounts to employees making below $15.00 per hour. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

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

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