**Council Minutes**

**Millen City Council**

**July 1, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on July 1, 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 Robin Scott. Also present were City Manager Jeff Brantley and others on the attached list.**

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 June 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting**

**Approve Minutes from June 17, 2025 Called Council Meeting**

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

1. **Review and approve bid for 2025 NRCS EWP Storm Debris Removal Grant**

* **East Georgia Tree Service - $129,405.00**
* **Brinson Tree and Stump Removal - $197,000.00**
* **Native Roots Debris Removal - $291,502.50**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to adopt a resolution approving the bid from East Georgia Tree Services in the amount of $129,405.00 for the 2025 NRCS EWP Grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Council was updated on the month end and year end financials. The fiscal year end 2025 net revenue was $224,495 which is similar to fiscal year end 2024 net revenue of $248,605. One large expense noted was the final payment on the 2025 Workers Compensation insurance in the amount of $12,952.50.

1. **Available Cemetery Lots**

City Manager Brantley reported the available lots for the two City cemeteries as follows:

Westside Cemetery – 500 lots available with 41 lots sold over the last 15 years.

Millen Cemetery – 550 lots available with 102 lots sold over the last 7 years.

All lots currently available are 12’ by 12’ lots.

1. **Grant Updates**

The following grant updates were given by City Manager Brantley:

2023 CDBG grant for $1,000,000 plus 10% match should be completed by July 11th except for punch list items. The repaving of Waters Avenue could delay the completion due to the degraded condition of the current road.

The City has received a Fireworks Tax Grant in the amount of $20,440 to purchase 5 sets of turnout gear.

The SEID Grant for $538,000 with 25% match is scheduled to bid out in September – October of 2025.

The EDA grant for $3,000,000 with 25% match is 99% complete. The new well is in service on a slow start up. A few punch list items are being completed.

The City has received approval from Senator Ossoff for $1.5 million in Congressional Direct Spending for the water tank that was dropped from the EDA project due to high bids.

The 2024 CHIP grant for $500,000 is still on schedule for the first home remodel to start in fall of 2025.

Several grant applications in process were discussed.

1. **City Election Dates**

Council was given the Qualification dates for the upcoming 2025 City Elections. Qualifying will be August 18, 2025 through August 22, 2025 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Election date will be November 4, 2025.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Rocker reminded Council to turn in their Financial Disclosure Report to the Election Superintendent.

1. **City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Reeves was not present.

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Clifton asked if a meeting has been scheduled with the County to discuss several topics. He was informed the county planned to set up a meeting soon, they were preparing their budget at this time which starts October 1st. He also asked about burned houses if an ordinance was in place giving a time allotment for removal, and some downed AT&T, Comcast lines. He mentioned a need to clean up the City.

Council Member Carter asked about sidewalk repair plans.

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 the future acquisition, disposal or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(4)**

Council Member Coney made a motion at 6:41 p.m. to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss potential or pending litigation and future acquisition, disposal, lease of real estate., seconded by Council Member Clifton. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Scott made a motion at 7:10 p.m. to exit executive session and return to regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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

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

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