**Council Minutes**

**Millen City Council**

**August 5, 2025**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on August 5, 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, Ed Fuller 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**

City Attorney Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from July 1, 2025**

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

1. **Review and Approve changes to the City of Millen Schedule of Rates and Fees**

Council reviewed the City Schedule of Rates and Fees. City Manager Brantley recommended increased fees for building permits, community house rent, cemetery plots, natural gas taps and natural gas distribution rate. Council member Fuller made a motion to approve but failed to get a second. The motion was tabled until further information could be gathered on expenses for the cemetery and community house.

1. **Review and Vote on Interim City Attorney**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the firm Bruce, Mathews and Lavoie as the interim City attorney for the remainder of 2025 replacing retiring City Attorney Hubert Reeves. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

The financials were reviewed by the Mayor and Council. Also, year over year revenues and expenses were compared.

1. **2023 CDBG update**

City Manager Brantley and Project Engineer Wesley Parker reviewed the 2023 CDBG project which is nearing completion. The sidewalk design was discussed with options to create separation between the road and sidewalk.

1. **2024 NRCS Grant update**

Council was updated on the progress of the waterway cleanup grant funded by the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The work should be complete and inspected in the next two weeks.

1. **FY 2026 LMIG Funds**

Council was informed the amount of the 2026 Fiscal Year LMIG for the City is $61,525.64. An application has been submitted to receive the funds. Also, the FY 2025 LMIG project is in the bid phase and will be for Tanglewood, Hill, Lee and Dixie Crescent Streets.

1. **Sidewalk Repair Survey**

Per request of Council in the July meeting assessments of the City sidewalks were completed. Approximately 4787 feet of sidewalk are in need of repair. This project will begin this winter after the sidewalks are prioritized.

1. **City Election Qualifying Dates – August 18 – August 22**

Council was reminded that qualification for the upcoming City election will be held on August 18th through August 22nd at the registrars office in the County Annex Building.

1. **Planning and Zoning Board**

City Manager Brantley notified Council that there was only one application turned in at this time for the two open positions on the planning and zoning board.

1. **Citizen Request - Shanelle Carr – Buckhead Road Sidewalk**

Shanelle Carr discussed a National Night Out for Police/Community Awareness that is being held August 9th at the JC Douglas Ag Center, and a District 3 Cleanup day scheduled for August 30th. She also inquired about a policy for the use of City Hall by outside organizations.

1. **Mayor’s Comments/Report**

No Report

1. **City Attorney Comments/Report**

No Report

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Clifton wanted the City to Schedule a workshop to discuss the workplan from the Council Retreat and Blight in the City. He also mentioned a Landlord Meeting being held August 14th at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall.

1. **Executive Session**

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

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney at 7:12 p.m. to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate matter. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller at 7:24 p.m. to exit Executive Session and enter Regular Session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to purchase 3.99 acres on White Oak Road from Trade US Land, LLC with a purchase price of $44,000.00. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the plat is attached to the minutes.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

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

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