Council Minutes Millen City Council October 7, 2025

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on October 7, 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, City Attorney Andrew Lavoie and others on the attached list.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation

Council member Clifton gave the invocation.

3. Public Hearing to Discuss the 2025 City of Millen Millage Rate

Mayor Rocker opened Public Hearing # 3 for the City of Millen Proposed Tax Increase at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Rocker closed the Public Hearing at 6:24 pm after all discussion and questions ended.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Minutes from September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes from September 8, 2025 Workshop
- C. Approve Minutes from September 18, 2025 Public Hearing
- D. Approve Minutes from September 25, 2025 Public Hearing

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the Consent Agenda with one correction on the September 8, 2025 Workshop minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Discuss and Vote to Set the City of Millen 2025 Tax Millage Rate

Mayor Rocker moved the discussion of the millage rate to executive session.

6. Review and Approve Code Amendment Section 2-78 of the City of Millen Code for Courtroom and Council Chambers Usage Policy

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve Code amendment section 2-78 of the Millen City Code for courtroom and council chambers usage. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the code is attached to the minutes.

7. Review and Approve Code Amendment Section 34-257 Peddlers and Section 34-258 Restrictions on peddling

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve Code Amendment Section 34-257 peddlers and Section 34-258 restrictions on peddlers of the Millen City Code. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the code is attached to the minutes.

- 8. Review and Approve Changes to the City of Millen Schedule of Rates and Fees Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the City of Millen Schedule of Rates and Fees. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the rate and fee schedule is attached to the minutes.
- Discuss and Appoint two members to the City of Millen Planning and Zoning Board Term 1 – Replace unexpired term ending 12/31/2027
 Term 2 – Finish out term ending 12/31/2025 and serve next term 2026-2030
 Mayor Rocker moved to executive session.

10. Discuss and Approve Adding Speed Humps on Buckhead Road as part of 2023 CDBG Grant

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the installation of two speed humps on Buckhead Road using funds from the 2023 CDBG. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A map copy showing the locations is attached to the minutes.

11. Approve 5K Road Race on February 21, 2026 from 8:00 am, to 10:00 am for benefit of Oak Hill Baptist Church Youth on prior approved route

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve a 5K road race to be held on February 21, 2026 from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm by the Oak Hill Baptist Church Youth. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. City Manager Report

A. Financials

Council reviewed the September financials. The month end net revenues were \$212,094.42 bringing the year-to-date net revenues \$85,683.92.

B. Health Insurance Update

City Manager Brantley informed Council the initial quote on the employee health insurance showed a 26% increase from Anthem. The agent is working on other quotes and plans.

C. Animal Shelter Update

Council was provided an email copy from the Humane Society for Greater Savannah, who partners with the City of Millen Animal Shelter. The Millen Animal Shelter has reached a no kill status which means 90% or more live outcomes from the shelter population.

D. Grant Updates

City Manager Brantley gave Council updates on all the active grants and new grants for the city.

13. Mayor's Comments/Report

Mayor Rocker had no comments.

14. City Attorney Comments/Report

City Attorney Lavoie had no comments.

15. Council Member Comments/Reports

Council Member Clifton commented about the low hanging ATT and Comcast lines around the City. He also commented about the homeless population in the City. He was informed the City was talking with Georgia Power about the low line removal from their poles and with the Housing Authority and other agencies about the homeless.

16. Executive Session

Council Member Coney made a motion at 7:09 pm, seconded by Council Member Clifton to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss tax matter and appointments. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Scott made a motion at 8:12 pm, seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit executive session and enter regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to appoint Theodore Frazzini, Jr to fill the unexpired term of Joann Shumake which ends 12/31/2030, and appoint Wanda Williams to fill the unexpired term of Jeanette Keezell which ends 12/31/2027. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to set the City of Millen 2025 Millage Rate at 6.00 mils. The motion carried by a vote of 4-2. Council Member Fuller, Scott, Rocker, Clifton for and Coney and Carter against.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Approved by Mayor and Council:	
Mayor's Signature:	
Attest by City Manager:	