

**Council Minutes
Millen City Council
February 3, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Andrew Allen, Joel Carter, Sr, Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, and Robin Scott. Also, present were City Manager Jeff Brantley, City Attorney Matt Mathews 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. Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from January 6, 2026 Regular Council Minutes

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

4. Review application for Honorary Road Naming on Warren Street in honor of Domingo Green

Council Member Carter made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Honorary Road naming of Warren Street in honor of Domingo Green. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

5. City Manager Report

A. Financials

The financials were reviewed with Mayor and Council. Net revenue for January was \$73,289.02 with a year-to-date net revenue of \$256,944.26 for Fiscal Year 2026.

B. New Grants

Two new grants were discussed with Council. A CDBG – DR (Disaster Relief) grant application is in process to add permanent generators to Well #2 and Well #4 for a total amount of \$375,000. This grant would require a match of 15%. It is being written by the CSRA Regional Commission. The second grant is a Grant/Loan through GEFA for phase 2 of the lead service line replacement. The amount is for \$2,000,000 and would be a loan with grant forgiveness of 55%. This would leave the City with a \$900,000 loan at 0% interest. This is to replace all water lines that could possibly contain lead from the water main up to the homes. Phase 1 of this project provided the City with the service lines that are galvanized pipe, which could possibly contain lead in the joints. There were 592 lines that could contain lead. This

is going to be a required project by the EPD. There still may be changes as it moves forward.

C. Existing Grant Updates

The following grants with activity were updated.

2023 CDBG is waiting on the asphalt plant to open to pave a road patch and speed humps. Then it will be complete.

The SEID grant for a new water main on North Avenue should be bid out in the next couple of weeks. The railroad has approved the permit to bore under their right of way.

The LMIG paving project will start in late February or March depending on weather and operation of the asphalt plant. This project is paving Tanglewood, Lee, Dixie Crescent and Hill Streets.

The GEFA SEP grant to replace the 5 HVAC systems and add 2 new split units has been completed. The engineer completed a walk through on February 3rd.

The 2024 Assistance to Firefighter Grant for \$305,800 is pending a \$206,266 draw to cover 22 air packs and mask that have been delivered. The fire turnout gear has been ordered, which will complete this grant once delivered.

The 2024 CHIP Grant for \$500,000 is sending out applications to residents on the waiting list. Five applications were sent out and one has been received. The Regional Commission is sending out applications to the next five on the list. Work should begin soon on the first house, once the DCA approves the application and contractor.

The City received an email from staff of Senator John Ossoff that the Congressional Direct Spending (CDS) application was approved for funding in the amount of \$1.5 million to install an elevated water tank in the new industrial park on US Highway 25.

D. GDOT TIA update

The Mayor and Council were informed that the Georgia Department of Transportation had awarded the contract to Anatek, Inc for the Streetscape TIA Project. This project will replace the curbing and sidewalk along Winthrope Avenue from the railroad tracks to Old Sylvania Road, skipping the section already completed by the City. This contract was awarded on January 2, 2026.

E. Discuss Meeting with County

Council was updated on the meeting between the County Commission Chairman, Administrator, Mayor and City Manager. Blight Tax implementation by the County, upcoming sanitation contract renewals with Allgreen, maturing Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Services, updates to the Service Delivery Strategy and FLOST tax were all discussed.

6. Mayor's Report

The Mayor informed Council that the Railroad overpass on the Highway 21 bypass would be let out for bids by the end of June 2026. This is a Georgia Department of Transportation project.

7. City Attorney Report

No Report

8. Council Member Comments/Reports

Council Member Coney asked questions about the matches to the CDBG-DR generator grant and the Phase 2 of the Lead Service Line grant to get a better understanding.

9. Executive Session

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2),

Council Member Scott made a motion at 6:32 p.m., seconded by Council Member Coney to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss a tax matter. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

Council Member Clifton made a motion at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Council Member Scott to exit executive session and enter regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County for imposition of the Floating Homestead Local Option Sales Tax with a monetary split of 80% to the county and 20% to the city. The motion carried by a unanimous vote 6-0.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Approved by Mayor and Council: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Attest by City Manager: _____