

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

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on March 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Joel Carter, Sr. Darrel Clifton, and Regina Coney. Council Member Andrew Allen was present via phone but did not vote. Absent were Council Member Robin Scott. Also, present were City Attorney Matt Mathews, 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.

2. Invocation

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

3. Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from February 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote 4-0.

4. City Auditor Patricia Hunter to review Fiscal Year 2025 Audit

City auditor Patricia Hunter reviewed the audit for Fiscal Year 2025 with Mayor and Council. She stated the City had a good year with improvements to the net position by \$2.7 million. The City also received over \$3.5 million in grants during the year.

5. Review and Approve Alcohol License renewals for Beer/Wine and Distilled Spirits

Beer/Wine Package Sales

- B & T Food Fresh - 540 E. Winthrope Ave
- Cash Now – 1063 E. Winthrope Ave
- Good Spirits Package – 106 E. Winthrope Ave
- JR’S BP Inc – 1007 Hwy 25 N.
- Millen Bay Station – 505 Hwy 25 N.
- Friendly Gus #32 – 353 Highway 25 S.
- Quick Stop – HEPI, LLC – 924 E. Winthrope Ave.
- Eagle Corner – SIDH 1005, Inc – 1415 Hwy 25 N.

Beer/Wine Serving

- Abuelos Concina Mexicana, LLC – 108 Daniel St.
- El Mariachi – 315 Hwy 25 N.

Distilled Spirits – Package Sales

- **Good Spirits Package – 106 E. Winthrope Ave.**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve renewal alcohol licenses as presented for beer/wine package sales, beer/wine serving, and distilled spirits package sales for the term April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. The motion carried by unanimous vote 4-0.

6. Approve New Alcohol Licenses Distilled Spirits Serving

- **Abuelos Concina Mexicana, LLC – 108 Daniel St.**
- **El Mariachi – 315 Hwy 25 N**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carter to approve new alcohol distilled spirits serving licenses for El Mariachi and Abuelos Concina Mexicana restaurants. The motion carried by unanimous vote 4-0.

7. Approve Resolution for 2026 Community Development Block Grant

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carter to approve a resolution for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote 4-0.

8. City Manager Report

A. Financials

The financials for February were reviewed with the mayor and council. Net Revenue for the month is \$40,454.62 and year to date net revenue is \$297,398.88.

B. Grant updates

City Manager Brantley updated council on the following grants that had activity during February:

GEFA Lead Service Line phase 2 – GEFA approved the Loan/Grant for \$2,000,000 at their February board meeting with 55% debt forgiveness and 45% loan at 0% for 20 years.

2023 CD is complete except for striping the speed humps.

SEID Grant is in the process of soliciting bids. A bid opening is scheduled for April 6th.

2024 CHIP grant has several applications being processed.

2025 CDBG for \$1.25 million should be ready for bid in August.

C. Other Updates

Mayor and Council were informed the GDOT TIA Streetscape project on Winthrope Avenue is set to begin construction in the middle of March, and the FLOST IGA had been signed. The sanitation renewal contract negotiations were underway. Other community event reminders were mentioned.

9. Mayor's Report

No report.

10. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Matt Mathews reported he was working with the County Attorney to prepare the Fire Services IGA based on the agreed upon terms.

11. Council Member Comments/Reports

Council Member Clifton commented on several items:

The fencing at the Millen Cemetery was washed. The fencing will be painted with funds from the Millen Cemetery Committee.

Georgia Southern offers students to assist local governments with various task such as housing surveys.

About setting up a workshop in May to review the 2025 Council Retreat plan.

He mentioned a company out of Statesboro that will pick up debris, furniture for residents at their home.

12. Executive Session

Not needed.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Rucker adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Approved by Mayor and Council: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Attest by City Manager: _____