

**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 was 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. Winthrop Ave
- Cash Now – 1063 E. Winthrop Ave
- Good Spirits Package – 106 E. Winthrop 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. Winthrop 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 CDBG is complete except for striping the speed humps.

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

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:

April 7, 2026

Mayor's Signature:

Alvin Rucker

Attest by City Manager:

[Signature]

**RESOLUTION OF CITY OF MILLEN  
FOR FY 2026 APPLICATION  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Millen authorizes the filing of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), including all understandings and assurances contained therein;

WHEREAS, the City of Millen provided citizens an adequate opportunity to participate in the development of the application by holding at least one public hearing in the locality before submission of the application;

WHEREAS, the City of Millen maintains files that contain documentary evidence that the hearing was held. The evidence includes a copy of the actual notice of public hearing;

WHEREAS, the citizen participation process meets the requirements of the Georgia DCA Citizen Participation Plan as outlined in the DCA CDBG regulations;

WHEREAS, the City of Millen is committed to the Revitalization of the city;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Small Cities Grant Program of the Department of Community Affairs provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for these objectives;

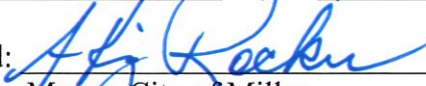
WHEREAS, the City of Millen has documented the need to rehabilitate the infrastructure and housing in the neighborhoods located in the Urban Redevelopment Plan; and

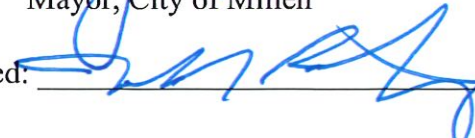
BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Millen commits to contribute cash match and leverage funds necessary for said project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Millen, is authorized and directed to act as the official representative of the City of Millen in connection with the application.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the City of Millen do hereby authorize the filing of a CDBG to the Georgia DCA, before the deadline of April 10, 2026.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

Signed:   
Mayor, City of Millen

Attested: 



**MONTHLY REPORT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES RECEIVED AND EXPENSES PAID FY 2026**

	<u>July-25</u>	<u>August-25</u>	<u>September-25</u>	<u>October-25</u>	<u>November-25</u>	<u>December-25</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>						
REVENUES RECEIVED	\$ 484,979.06	\$ 533,283.82	\$ 772,232.41	\$ 695,916.49	\$ 313,777.84	\$ 497,919.31
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>						
PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$ 216,025.75	\$ 175,019.05	\$ 168,374.78	\$ 199,910.86	\$ 165,470.55	\$ 200,074.42
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 329,942.89	\$ 423,686.69	\$ 391,763.21	\$ 333,177.49	\$ 241,094.38	\$ 269,914.62
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 545,968.64	\$ 598,704.74	\$ 560,137.99	\$ 533,088.35	\$ 406,564.93	\$ 469,989.04
TOTAL	\$ (60,989.58)	\$ (65,420.92)	\$ 212,094.42	\$ 162,828.14	\$ (92,787.09)	\$ 27,930.27
	<u>January-26</u>	<u>February-26</u>	<u>March-26</u>	<u>April-26</u>	<u>May-26</u>	<u>June-26</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>						
REVENUES RECEIVED	\$ 601,273.84	\$ 651,926.82				
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>						
PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$ 223,554.34	\$ 170,339.15				
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 304,430.48	\$ 441,133.05				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 527,984.82	\$ 611,472.20				
TOTAL	\$ 73,289.02	\$ 40,454.62				

<b>YEARLY TOTALS</b>	
REVENUE	\$ 4,551,309.59
EXPENSES	\$ (4,253,910.71)
DIFFERENCE	\$ 297,398.88

