

Council Minutes
Millen City Council
May 5, 2026

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on May 5, 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 Attorney Andrew Lavoie, 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

a. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

b. Approve Minutes of April 21, 2026, Called Council Meeting

c. Approve Minutes of April 21, 2026, Council Workshop

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

4. Presentation by HSH Millen LLC for the installation of commercial solar panels on Commerce Way

Pat Hutchinson of Peak Solarworks made a presentation to the Mayor and Council for a proposed commercial solar array located on Commerce Way. The plans are to add panels to their existing facility and add panels to additional adjoining land recently purchased from the Jenkins County Development Authority.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the plans presented by Peak Solarworks for HSH Millen LLC allowing them to receive a City building permit. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

5. Gas Department Public Awareness Training

The Public Awareness Training was tabled until next month due to Utility Director Thomas being unable to attend the meeting.

6. Review for Approval a donation to Main Street Millen for the Hometown Patriotic Celebration set for July 3, 2026

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to donate \$1500.00 to MainStreet Millen for the Hometown Patriotic Celebration to be held on July 3, 2026. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

7. Review for Approval closing Cotton Avenue in front of the PAL Theater on October 3, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m. for MainStreet Millen's Street concert.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to close Cotton Avenue between Harvey Street and Gray Street on October 3, 2026, for MainStreet Millen to hold a street concert. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

8. MainStreet Millen presentation for Entertainment District

MainStreet Millen Executive Director presented the Mayor and Council with a request to consider approving an Entertainment District in the downtown area which would allow alcohol consumption outside of businesses. A sample ordinance was reviewed along with a proposed area. By common consent, the Mayor and Council agreed to have the City Attorney start gathering information and working on an ordinance.

9. Review for Approval of the City of Millen 2026 Surplus Equipment List

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the 2026 Surplus Equipment List. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

10. Review for Approval of Sanitation Contract Amendment

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve an amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Contract between the City of Millen and Allgreen Service, a Division of Atlantic Waste Service dated March 17, 2021. The motion included the selection of option two for pricing listed on the letter dated March 2, 2026, from Ben Wall, President of Allgreen Services, a Division of Atlantic Waste Services, Inc. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

11. City Manager Report

A. Financials

B. City Manager Brantley reviewed the monthly financials for April with Mayor and Council. It was noted net revenue for April was \$38,916 and net revenue year to date was \$335,259. Several large one-time expenses were discussed.

C. Various Grant Updates

The Mayor and Council were informed about a GEFA OSG (Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant) for up to \$1 million for sewer upgrades. This is a zero-match grant and the City is working on an application for sewer upgrades from Morningside Circle to Grimm Avenue. Updates on other active grants were also discussed. Also, repairs to the Community House for the termite damage were completed for less than \$3500.00.

D. Review LMIG Road Paving List

The 2024 LMIG paving list was updated showing the completed streets. By common consent, the Mayor and Council approved the 2027 LMIG list adding parts of Plum Avenue, Hendrix Street and Odom Street.

12. Mayor's Report

The Mayor had no report.

13. City Attorney Report

The City Attorney had no report.

14. Council Member Comments/Reports

Council Member Clifton inquired about the ownership of the Caboose on Cotton Ave. Mayor Rocker responded that it is the Jenkins County Development Authority's since they were responsible for securing it from the railroad. It was noted the City pressure washed it in the past month and the Jenkins County Development Authority was going to repaint it. He also inquired as to the status of the county implementing a blight tax, leaking fire hydrant near Millen Peanut Company, homelessness, and informed Council of a 22 mile to bring attention to Veteran issues. The walk is being sponsored by Millen United Veteran and Community Works on May 22-23rd and begins in Hopeulikit and concludes at the Millen Courthouse.

Council Member Carter inquired about the Westside Cemetery road work. He was informed that since the city's motor grader was now repaired work would begin soon. Council Member Coney asked for clarification on the sanitation rates.

15. Executive Session

Executive Session was not needed.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Approved by Mayor and Council: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Attest by City Manager: _____