

Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, Ed Fuller and Robin Scott arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also present were City Attorney Hubert Reeves and City Manager Jeff Brantley.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation

City Attorney Reeves gave the invocation.

3. Public Hearing to Discuss the 2023 City of Millen Millage Rate

Mayor Rocker opened the Public Hearing to discuss setting the 2023 City of Millen Millage Rate. Council reviewed the 5-year tax levy, and other supporting tax digest documents. Council plans to set the millage rate equal to the rollback rate of 5.528. The public were given the opportunity to ask questions. With no further discussion Mayor Rocker closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes from August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting

B. Approve Minutes from August 29, 2023 Called Meeting

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Council Member Scott was not present for the vote.

5. Discuss and Vote to Set the City of Millen 2023 Tax Millage Rate

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to set the City of Millen 2023 Tax Millage Rate at 5.528. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Council Member Scott was not present for the vote. Council Member Scott arrived after the vote.

6. Review and Approve Bids on Foggy Field Road Water Line Replacement

• **Shockley Plumbing, Inc - \$125,850.00**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to adopt a resolution approving the bid from Shockley Plumbing, Inc in the amount of \$125,850.00 using ARPA Funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Discuss Bid Opening for RDF Grant at 455 Cotton Avenue

City Manager Brantley informed Council that the bid opening held on August 30, 2023 for the RDF grant received no bids. The architect is trying to rebid the project with modifications to attract bidders.

8. Discuss requesting a \$1.00 fuel surcharge reduction in the Allgreen Services contract

Mayor Rocker discussed sending a letter to Allgreen Services to request they roll back \$1 of the \$2 per month fuel surcharge that was imposed in April 2022.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to request a reduction in the fuel surcharge in the amount of \$1.00 per polycart and \$5.00 per dumpster each month. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. City Manager Report

A. Financials

Net revenue for August 2023 were -7045.86. August of 2022 was -72,028 and August of 2021 was -92,767. Year to date for 2023 the net revenue is -\$5941. August of 2023 had 5 weekly payrolls which contributed to higher expenses. July, August and September are usually lower revenue month. October is when the Insurance Premium Tax payment is received giving a large revenue boost to the City.

B. 2023 CDBG Award

The DCA announced that the City of Millen was awarded \$1,000,000 for it's 2023 CDBG application. The total project cost estimated at \$1,111,000 with the City matching the difference. The area for work is on Waters Avenue and Buckhead Road from Palmer Row to Drexel Avenue. The work included water, sewer, storm water drainage and road improvements.

C. GEFA Lead Service Line Inventories Grant

The City has received a grant for \$96,600 through GEFA to assist with a Lead Service Line inventory. The City is required by the EPD to inventory all current water lines for the possibility of lead by October 16, 2024.

D. LMIG Funds Received

The City has received it's LMIG funds in the amount of \$53,293.93. These funds will require at least a 10% match for road paving projects.

10. Mayor's Comments/Report

No report

11. City Attorney Comments/Report

No report

12. Council Member Comments/Reports

Council Member Coney Thanked Clay Boulineau and the Public Works Department for their work during the recent tropical storm.

Council Member Clifton commented on the need for removal of the broken Georgia Power poles in the City. He also committed on the derailed train car near the Winthrope Avenue track intersection and inquired on what could be done to speed up the removal.

13. Executive Session

Not needed

14. Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Approved by Mayor and Council: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Attest by City Manager: _____