

# **Council Minutes Regular Meeting November 7, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on November 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Darrel Clifton, Ed Fuller, Robin Scott and Regina Coney arriving 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. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approve Minutes from October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting**

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

## **4. Michael Jackson to present the 2024 City Health Insurance Plan Option. Discuss and vote to approve the 2024 Health Insurance Plan**

Michael Jackson with Assured Partners presented options for the renewal of the Employee Health Benefits for 2024.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Health, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance with Anthem as follows: Health Insurance Fully Insured Plan 1 option with \$3500 deductible \$833.61 per month premium fully paid by the City, Plan 2 option for \$854.31 per month with the employee paying the difference in rate between Plan 2 and Plan 1; Dental and Vision paid for by the employee and Basic Life Insurance for \$25,000.00 paid for by the City. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **5. Review and Approve Foggy Field Road Paving Project**

- **Ellis Woods Contracting, Inc - \$64,750.00**
- **Reeves Construction Co. - \$107,358.00**
- **Platinum Paving and Concrete - \$140,954.45**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the bid in the amount of \$64,750.00 from Ellis Woods Contracting, Inc. to pave Foggy Field Road using T- Splost funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **6. New Beer and Wine License Application**

- **Family Dollar – 710 E. Winthrope Ave.**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve package sales beer and wine license for Family Dollar, LLC located at 710 East Winthrope Avenue. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **7. City Manager Report**

### **A. Financials**

City Manager reviewed the financials and stated the net revenue for the month was \$228,012. The City received payment for the insurance premium tax from the state in the amount of \$263,178. Large expenses during the month included the annual renewal payment for tank maintenance in the amount of \$50,180 and payment to GIRMA Insurance for \$15,921 and \$9917.00. The year-to-date net revenue is \$168,617.

### **B. Kirkland Building Rebid Update**

Mayor and Council were updated that during the bid opening for the Kirkland Building, one bid was received. The DCA will need to approve the sole source bid prior to Mayor and Council's approval. The bid is from MMI Construction in the amount of \$662,000 which is within budget.

### **C. Norfolk Southern Grants**

City Manager Brantley informed Mayor and Council, that Norfolk Southern had a Public Safety grant and Thriving Communities grant in which the City could apply. An application was submitted for new dispatch radio equipment and police department server. This application is under the Public Safety Grant. Sidewalks on Old Waynesboro Road and playground equipment for the community house were options for the Thriving Communities grant.

### **D. Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Grant update**

Mayor and Council were informed the City's application to enlarge the water main on North Avenue had made it through the first round and moved to requesting a full application by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **E. Public Hearing to Closeout 2020 CDBG November 16, 2023 at 5:00pm**

Mayor and Council were informed that a closeout hearing for the 2020 CDBG is being held on November, 16, 2023 in the Council Chambers. A notice was being placed in the paper.

### **F. Bid opening for 2021 CDBG Home Demolition December 11, 2023 at 10:00am**

The City will hold a bid opening on December 11, 2023 for the demolition of a structure on Palmer Row, as part of the 2021 CDBG project.

## **8. Mayor's Comments/Report**

No comment

**9. City Attorney Comments/Report**

City Attorney Reeves commented that jury selection for the Jenkins vs City of Millen lawsuit would take place on December 11, 2023.

**10. Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Clifton commented that we need to discuss the leave and limb service at the next meeting.

**11. Executive Session**

Not needed.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

**Approved by Mayor and Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest by City Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_