

**Council Minutes
Millen City Council
March 5, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Joel Carter Sr, Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, and Ed Fuller. Absent was Council Member Robin Scott. 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

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

3. Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from February 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. City Auditor Patricia Hunter to review Fiscal Year 2023 Audit

City Auditor Patricia Hunter presented and reviewed the City's fiscal year end June 30, 2023 audit to Mayor and Council. She highlighted the City's overall net position increased by \$765,815. She commented that cash has declined by \$400,000 for the year due to shortfall in transfers from proprietary funds especially the solid waste fund.

5. Citizen Request to be placed on Agenda – Gwendolyn Watson

- Issue – Communication to the Public

Gwendolyn Watson addressed Council on the City's needs for communication to the public for various reasons such as emergency cancelling of meetings. She referred to the system the texting system of the Jenkins County Board of Education. She also followed up on her appearance at the February 6, 2024 council meeting addressing need for Council pictures on the Chamber walls.

6. Citizen Request to be placed on the Agenda - Shanelle Carr

Issue – City Playground Plans

Shanelle Carr addressed Council to inquire on plans for a community park for various location around the City.

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

Beer/Wine

- B & T Food Fresh

Distilled Spirits

- * Good Spirits

- **Cash Now**
- **Dollar General**
- **Family Dollar**
- **Good Spirits**
- **JR'S BP Inc**
- **Millen Bay Station**
- **Neighbor's Express**
- **Quick Stop**
- **Thompson Corner**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Beer/Wine and Distilled Spirits alcohol license renewals as presented for the term April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Renew - Appoint 4 Members to the Millen Housing Authority for 5-year term 2024-2028. Currently Serving: Evelyn Young, Bobbie Reid, Jo Ann Shumake, Jewel Anfield

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to re appoint Evelyn Young and appoint Drew Allen, Shanelle Carr and Jacinda Ford to a five-year term (2024-2028) on the Millen Housing Authority. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. Appoint Member to the Planning & Zoning Board for 5-year term 2024 – 2028. Currently Serving Jewel Anfield

Council Member Carter made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to appoint Shanelle Carr to a five-year term (2024-2028) on the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. City Manager Report

A. Financials

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with Council. He noted a net revenue of \$81,376 for the month of February and \$223,787 year to date. He noted payroll was up for the month due to 5 weekly payrolls and 3 bi-weekly payrolls occurring during the month.

B. Community House

Council was informed that the community house front porch has been repaired. The brick roll lock has been replaced repairing any trip hazard, also a new dusk to dawn porch light has been installed.

C. Sanitation Rates

Council was informed the County was in negotiations with Allgreen and the results could stop any increases to the City in rates planed for April.

D. EDA Grant – Bid Update

City Manager Brantley informed Council the bids had been opened for the White Oak Road Well project and the water line extension. Both only had 1 bidder and the bids were being reviewed by the engineer and the EDA. The well bid was \$1,064,000 and the line extension was \$1,607,465. The tank bid is being opened on March 8th. Bids will be presented to Council after review and approval from the EDA.

E. Set up Workshop meeting date

Council set up a workshop for March 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Mayor's Report

No report

12. City Attorney Report

No Report

13. Council Member Comments/Reports

Council Member Clifton commented on trash pickup and birds roosting on the City's water tanks.

Council Member Coney commented on yard debris pickup.

14. Executive Session

If Needed

Not needed

15. Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Approved by Mayor and Council: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Attest by City Manager: _____