

**Council Minutes
Millen City Council
February 6, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on February 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Robin Scott, Council Members Joel Carter Sr, Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, Ed Fuller, and Robin Scott. Absent was Mayor King Rocker. Also, present were City Attorney Hubert Reeves and City Manager Jeff Brantley.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

3. Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from January 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

- Issue – Pictures on Council Chamber Walls

Gwendolyn Watson discussed with Council about adding the current Council members pictures to a council chamber wall. She mentioned possibly moving the current pictures on the chamber wall to the back wall and locating the current Council in their place.

5. Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Millen Request to close section of Cotton Avenue between the Charm Barn and the Pal Theatre

- **February 24, 2024 – Bites and Boogie to include a band**
- **October 5, 2024 - Band to play after Fair on the Square**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve closing a section of Cotton Avenue between the Charm Barn and the PAL Theatre for the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Millen on February 24, 2024 and October 5, 2024. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. Appoint members to Downtown Development Authority for 4 year term 2024 – 2027

- **Talmadge Fries currently serving and willing to serve again**
- **Lee Wilson currently serving and willing to serve again**
- **Pam Dwight currently serving and wishes to come off, Shana Brinson has been recommended for this opening**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carter to appoint Gwendolyn Watson, Shana Brinson and Talmadge Fries to the Downtown

Development Authority for 4-year terms 2024 -2027. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Approve Bid to relocate Natural Gas Main on Buckhead Road only 1 bid received

- **Thomas Utility Contractors, Inc. - \$28,260.00**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the bid from Thomas Utility Contractors, Inc in the amount of \$28,260.00 from ARPA funds, to relocate a section of gas main on Buckhead Road. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Citizen Request to add Street Light on Regan Way

Street Light distancing was discussed. The current methods are to place lights at intersections and midpoints on long blocks over 600 feet in length. The light on Reagan Way was installed by Georgia Power before the meeting date.

9. Approve the purchase of Service Body Truck for the Gas Department

- **Brannen Motor Company – 2024 Chevrolet HD2500 reg. cab 4x4, service body - \$59,000.00**
- **Gerald Jones Ford – 2023 Ford F250 reg. cab 4x4, service body - \$60,404.50**
- **Daniels Chevrolet – 2023 Chevrolet HD2500 reg. cab 4x4, service body - \$59,933.00**
- **Daniels Chevrolet – 2024 Chevrolet HD2500 Ext. Cab 2WD, Service Body - \$60,285.00**
- **Woody Folsom Auto Group – 2023 F250 Ext Cab 4x4, service body - \$64,699.00**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the bid from Brannen Motor Company for a 2024 Chevrolet HD2500 regular cab 4x4, service body truck in the amount of \$59,000.00 using Splost 7 funds. The motion made provisions to accept the next lowest bid from Daniels Chevrolet in the amount of \$59,933.00 if the first choice was not available. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. City Manager Report

A. Financials

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with council and notes year to date net revenues are \$142,411.00.

B. Community House

City Manager Brantley updated Council that City staff has reviewed the issues that Council Member Clifton referenced during the January Council Meeting. A dust to dawn lantern would be installed under the front porch to increase lighting and a brick mason has inspected the brick roll lock on the front steps. Over time the bricks have shifted causing them to be uneven. The mason will remove and relay the row of brick to level them out. Council Member Coney mentioned the oven in the building would not attain a heat about 350 degrees.

C. Sanitation Rates

Council was given a sanitation rate increase scenario to cover the inflation increase from Allgreen that begins in April 1, 2024.

D. EDA Grant – Bids Due 2-29-24

Council was informed that the EDA grant project was out for bids. It was being bid as three separate projects. Well, Elevated Water Tank, and Water Line Extension. Bids will be opened on February 29, 2024.

E. Splost 8

Splost 7 will expire on March 31, 2026. Talks with the county need to start for Splost 8 which would run from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2032. The November 2024 general election is the last countywide election prior to Splost 7 expiring.

F. Code Enforcement

City Manager Brantley informed Council that Code Enforcement Officer Budgett had turned in his notice and the City would begin looking for a new officer.

11. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Pro Tem Scott informed Council of a Workforce Development Class he attended at the January GMA Conference. He later followed up on a Zoom call with GMA staff about setting up a Youth Council and Mayor’s Reading Program. He would keep Council informed of progress on these events.

12. City Attorney Report

No Report

13. Council Member Comments/Reports

Council Member Clifton discussed setting up a Work session date for March. The date and items would be set at the March regular meeting.

14. Executive Session

If Needed

Not Needed

15. Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Pro Tem Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:06p.m.

Approved by Mayor and Council: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Attest by City Manager: _____