**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 2, 2022**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on August 2, 2022 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, Robin Scott and Giovanni Shumake. 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.

1. **Invocation**

City Attorney Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**
2. **Approve Minutes from the July 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**

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

1. **Discuss revision to Section 4-33 of the Alcohol Ordinance for the purpose of revising penalties for violations of Chapter 4 of the code**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve and adopt the revision to Section 4-33 of the Alcohol Ordinance. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the ordinance is attached to the minutes.

1. **Discuss and approve speed hump application on Washington Street**

Council Member Shumake made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve a speed hump application on Washington Street presented by Larry Cobb, and to be funded from T-Splost funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss extending time for utility bill late penalty on the 10th of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shumake to approve the extending the posting time of utility bill late penalties on the 10th of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss Code Section 10-28 of the Millen City Code – Regulation of trucks and tractor trailer rigs**

The current code section 10-28 of the Millen City Code was discussed. Mayor and Council were informed by City Manager Brantley that after researching prior changes to the section, a code amendment from March 4, 2014 was not included in the online code by Municode. After further discussion no changes were recommended to the code. City Attorney Reeves was going to have Municode add the missing section.

1. **City Manager Report**
2. **Financials**

City Manager Brantley reviewed the monthly financials with the Mayor and Council. He informed them that unpaid property taxes for 2021 were $23,986.

1. **Hendrix Street Water Leak**

Mayor and Council were informed that the water leak on Hendrix Street from July 23rd was completely repaired. An 8-inch cast iron water main had 4 feet split and an emergency repair had to be made to correct the problem. The repair was completed by end of day on July 24th. The cost of the repair is estimated to be about $24,000.00 after all the invoices are received.

1. **LMIG Update**

The Mayor and Council were informed that the City received the annual LMIG funds on 8/1/2022 in the amount of $48,866.60. The cost estimate to pave SSG Robert Mosley Street and a small section of North Gray Street is $105,859.30. The addition funds to pave these streets will be paid from T-Splost Funds. By common consent council agreed to move forward with bidding out the project.

1. **Mayor’s Comments/Report**

Mayor Rocker mentioned that we are still working to a solution with the trains in the City, also that the Development Authority was getting letters from trucking companies that ship out of the Savannah port about tickets to drivers for operating on city streets.

1. **City Attorney Comments/Report**

City Attorney discussed a copy of the City of Dublin’s blight ordinance that was sent to him to review. He mentioned it was identical to the current City of Millen Blight Ordinance except for a couple of minor changes.

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Coney asked that the stove and oven at the Community House be inspected. She also requested we consider adding a microwave oven and closet organizers at the Community House. She also asked about getting a pile of asphalt cold mix removed from the shoulder of Reeves Street that was left by the railroad when they worked on the crossing.

Council Member Shumake asked questions about the procedures for updating Municode and the cost.

Council Member Shumake also brought up safety concerns when the City workers were working on Winthrope Avenue during the water leak.

1. **Executive Session**

**Consultation with the city attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, Settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the city or any officer or employee or in which the city or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1)**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit Regular session and enter Executive session at 7:24 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit Executive session and enter Regular session at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shumake stating the City disclaims any interest in the street listed as Gordon Street between Ross Street and Edenfield Avenue on a plat by J. A. Rodgers for J.J. Edenfield dated December 8, 1913 and recorded January 14, 1918. The City has not accepted, nor maintained Gordon Street as a City Street. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the plat is attached to the minutes.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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

**Mayor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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