**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**December 3, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on December 3, 2019 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 Walter Thomas. Also present were City Manager Jeff Brantley, and City Attorney Hubert Reeves.

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**

**Approve Minutes from November 5, 2019**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the November 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review and Approve Bid for the 2019-2020 LMIG paving project. The Bids will be opened on December 3, 2019 at 3:00 P.M.**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the bid from Sikes Brothers, Inc in the amount of $102,575.90 to pave Harvey Street from Winthrope Avenue to North Avenue. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of the bid tabulation sheet is attached to the minutes.

1. **Appoint members to the Downtown Development Authority for 4-year term 2020-2023- Current appointees are Lee Wilson, Talmadge Fries and Pam Dwight**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to re appoint Lee Wilson, Talmadge Fries and Pam Dwight to the Downtown Development Authority, each to serve a 4-year term from 2020 – 2023. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Approve Employee Christmas Bonus. (Recommend same as last year, $60 with < 1-year service, $160 with > 1-year service plus additional $5/year for every year over 7 years and $50 for part time)**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the Employee Christmas Bonus as recommended, the same as 2018. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve Employee Christmas Party – Recommend December 13th at Noon**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Employee Christmas Party for December 13, 2019 beginning at 11:00 A.M. The motion authorizes up to $800 to be used for food and $600 for cash door prizes. The funds are to be paid from the Employee’s Coke Fund. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve GEFA Second Loan Modification for the Daniel Street Sewer Project. Original Loan was $456,000 less $91,200 (20% Debt Forgiveness) for a loan of $364,800 at 1.63% for 15 years. New Loan of $454,203 less $181,681.20 (40% Debt Forgiveness) for a loan of $272,521.80 at 1.63% for 15 years.**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Second Loan Modification with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) in the amount of $454,203.00 less a debt forgiveness grant of $181,681.20 for 15 years at 1.63%. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss proposed Code Amendment change to Section 2-47 of the Code of the City of Millen and Charter Amendment to Amend Section 4-609 of the Charter of the City of Millen, Georgia**

Moved to executive session.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with Mayor and Council.

1. **Streetscape Update**

Mayor and Council were informed that construction was complete on the project. The final payment to the contractor has been paid and a final walk through was being set up between the contractor, GDOT and the City.

1. **2018 CDBG Update**

Mayor and Council were informed that Shockley Plumbing, Inc is planning to start work in Mid – January 2020 on the project.

1. **Discuss Water Meter Changeout**

Mayor and Council were updated on the application process for the Water Meter Changeout Project. Our application to GEFA was submitted in November well ahead of the January 31, 2020 deadline.

1. **Discuss RDF Grant – 601 Cotton Ave.**

Mayor and Council were updated on the 601 Cotton Avenue Project. The change order has been processed to add the HVAC system and a second electric service panel to the building. The windows, doors and awnings have been installed.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Rocker updated Council on county wide projects for the Transportation Splost, which is scheduled for a public vote on March 24, 2020 during the Presidential Primary Election.

1. **City Attorney’s Report**

Nothing to Report.

1. **Executive Session**

* **Consultation with the city attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation, as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1)**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Thomas at 6:49 P.M. to move to executive session for the purpose to consult with the city attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1) and to discuss personnel with city attorney as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Thomas at 7:17 P.M. to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimous.

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the 1st reading to amend Section 4-609 of the Charter of the City of Millen as submitted by the City Attorney, a copy is attached to the minutes.

The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2. Voting Yes to the motion were Council Members Clifton, Fuller Thomas and Mayor Rocker, Voting No to the motion were Council Members Coney and Scott.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

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

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

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