**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 5, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on May 5, 2020 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 the March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting and the March 25, 2020 Called Meeting**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting and the March 25, 2020 Called Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Ratify phone poll vote from April 9, 2020 for Shockley Plumbing, Inc to repair 2 collapsing storm drains for a total of $20,400.00**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to Ratify the phone poll vote from April 9, 2020 to approve a bid from Shockley Plumbing, Inc in the amount of $20,400.00 to repair two collapsing storm drains, and to be paid from T-Splost Funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss Carbo Ceramics Bankruptcy and Notes Payable to the City**

City Manager Brantley and City Attorney Reeves discussed the filing of Bankruptcy by Carbo Ceramics and the effect on the City. The City was able to petition the bankruptcy court to allow the City to call the three Bank Standby Letters of Credit which secured the three notes payable from Carbo Ceramics to the City of Millen. Two of the notes were for the City’s leases with Regions Equipment Finance to build the gas pipeline to the Carbo facility. One note was for a long-term firm natural gas commitment the City secured with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia on behalf of Carbo. The Letters of Credit were redeemed and the City received $2,491,784.85 on April 29, 2020. The City paid off the two leases on April 30, 2020 for a total amount of $1,289,466.82. The remaining funds will be used to repay the monthly firm natural gas contract which runs through November 1, 2026.

1. **Review and Discuss Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget**

City Manager Brantley reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City Budget with Mayor and Council.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the monthly financials with Mayor and Council.

1. **Covid – 19 Discussion and Effects on City Services (Community House)**

After discussion, Mayor and Council by common consent recommended that City Hall stay closed and to service customers through the drive-in window until the June 2, 2020 meeting, at which time the decision will be reviewed. The May 20, 2020 Municipal Court will be moved to the June 17, 2020 court date. Also, Community House reservation could start for July 1, 2020 and the decision will be reviewed at the June 2, 2020 Council Meeting. If there is a need to extend the closure refunds for July will be issued.

1. **ISO Insurance Inspection**

Mayor and Council were informed that ISO (Insurance Service Office) conducted an inspection to determine the Fire rating for the City. The inspection took place April 22-23, 2020. The inspector called back on April 26, 2020 and needed 17 fire hydrants flow tested before the end of April. The flow testing caused “brown” water in the system, which is normal when hydrants are opened around the City, because of mineral sediment in the water lines. The results of the inspection will be brought to Council when completed by ISO.

1. **2018 CDBG Update**

Mayor and Council were informed that the 2018 CDBG project was on schedule. The sewer improvements and storm water piping are complete. The curb and gutter work is about 75% complete and should be finished in about 5 days. Road paving should be complete in about 2 weeks. The housing portion of the grant has begun. Three houses have been demolished and the foundation for three new ones were started. The three homes should be completed in about 120 days.

1. **2020 CDBG Application**

Linda Grijalva with the CSRA Regional Commission submitted our 2020 CDBG application for $1,000,000 before the April 30, 2020 deadline. The target area for this grant is the Lincoln, Warren and Tarver Street neighborhood. We should know by late September of 2020 if the City is approved for the grant.

1. **Discuss Water Meter Changeout Project GEFA Board Meeting May 12th**

City Manager Brantley informed the Mayor and Council that he spoke with Tracy Williams – Loan Officer with GEFA on April 29, 2020 and she stated our loan/grant application was going before the GEFA Board of Directors on May 12, 2020. She felt confident the application would be approved. We could begin the loan closing process shortly afterward.

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

City Manager Brantley informed the Mayor and Council that the RDF grant was finished and in closeout stages. There was $3610.61 left over that was de obligated back to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The total amount drawn on the grant was $632,257.39.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **City Attorney’s Report**

Nothing to report

1. **Executive Session**

Not needed

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 6:53 P.M.

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

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

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