**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 4, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on August 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Darrel Clifton, Ed Fuller, Robin Scott and Walter Thomas. Absent was Council Member Regina Coney. Also present were City Manager Jeff Brantley and City Attorney Hubert Reeves.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Rocker called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

1. **Invocation**

Council Member Thomas gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss “speed humps” on North Avenue**

By common consent Mayor and Council agreed to have a speed hump built on North Avenue approximately 960 feet East of the railroad tracts to deter speeding.

1. **Discuss new RDF grant for stabilization of the “Kirkland Building” located at 455 Cotton Avenue**

By common consent Mayor and Council agreed to move forward with a grant application along with the Downtown Development Authority for a Stabilization grant for the “Kirkland Building” located at 455 Cotton Avenue. Once the Initial Project Assessment is completed and the City receives a PACA letter council will vote on and sign a resolution to proceed.

**Ratify and adopt Resolution to apply for Grant Funding through the Coronavirus Relief Fund**

Council Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to ratify a vote for Mayor and Council to authorize the execution, delivery, and performance of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Terms and Conditions and to adopt Resolution # 2020-04 designating Mayor Rocker or his designee to act in connection with the Grant application and to provide such additional information as may be required by OPB, federal, or state government.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with the Mayor and Council. He informed them the City received the Cares Act Funding in the amount of $43,438.11 on July 31, 2020.

1. **2021 LMIG Funds**

City Manager Brantley informed Mayor and Council that the City’s 2021 LMIG funds are in the amount of $43,497.21. That is a reduction of $6629.05 from the amount received for the 2020 LMIG funding. All Cities and Counties are seeing a reduction for 2021 due to lower state tax collections. The City will combine 2021 LMIG funds and 2022 LMIG funds to complete the next paving projects on the LMIG paving list.

1. **Review ISO rating**

Mayor and Council reviewed a letter sent to the City from ISO (Insurance Services Office) giving the results of the City’s Fire Department Inspection. The ISO gave the Department a rating of 4. The last several inspections have been a 5. The lower score is an improvement. The new rating is effective November 1, 2020 and could possibly lead to lower homeowner insurance rates within the City.

1. **Millen Terraces Housing Project**

City Manager Brantley informed the Mayor and Council that the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) has sent a letter to the City acknowledging that a 2020 Grant Funding Application has been submitted by Lowcountry Housing Communities for a 50-unit housing complex in the City of Millen. The project will be called Millen Terraces and if approved will be located off Dukes Avenue and Hendrix Street. The DCA should give a decision on the application by October 1, 2020.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

No Report

1. **City Attorney Report**

No Report

1. **Executive Session**
* **Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a city officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)**

Council Member Thomas made a motion at 6:46 P.M., seconded by Council Member Fuller to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss personnel. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Clifton made a motion at 7:05 P.M., seconded by Council Member Thomas to exit executive session and enter regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

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

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

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