**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 1, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on September 1, 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 Hubert Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from August 4, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Council Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2020 Regular Meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve Emergency Repair to rebuild Sewer Grinder at the Core Civic Prison Facility. Sole Source Bid (due to limited vendors) from Pumping Systems Incorporated in the amount of $12,013.43.**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the bid from Pumping Systems Incorporated in the amount of $12,013.43 to rebuild the sewer grinder at the Core Civic Prison Facility and to pay from Splost Funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve the Purchase of New Franklin Miller Grinder for the Core Civic Prison Facility from Kazmier & Associates Inc in the amount of $17,480.00**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the purchase of a new Franklin Miller Grinder for the Core Civic Prison Facility from Kazmier & Associates, Inc in the amount of $17,480.00 to be paid from Splost Funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Once the new grinder is delivered it will be installed and the rebuilt grinder will become a backup spare.

1. **Review Ordinance for Beer and Wine Licenses**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to amend the City of Millen Code of Ordinances Section 34-191 sub section C under Local Prohibitions. The distance changes for any person selling or offering to sell any wine or malt beverages “from 100 yards” to “150 feet” of any church building. The remainder of the Ordinance is unchanged. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with Mayor and Council. He informed them that the Phase 1 allocation to the City of the CARES Act Funding is $144,794.00 The City has already received $43,438.00 of the funds and the remainder has been applied for and should be received within 2 weeks.

1. **Discuss Georgia Power Poles**

City Manager Brantley reported out information he received from Georgia Power to have several damaged poles removed with in the City Limits. These poles have been replaced and the Georgia Power Lines have been moved to the new poles. The old poles are awaiting AT&T to move their lines before the old poles can be removed. Contact has been made with AT&T to speed the process.

1. **Review Census Participation**

Mayor and Council were informed on the participation rate of the City and County for the Census Self Response Participation as of August 26, 2020. The City had a rate of 31.8% and the County had a rate of 28.9%. These rates are far behind the State of Georgia average of 59.9%.

1. **Discuss Zoning Variance Application**

Mayor and Council were informed of a Zoning Variance Application that had been presented to the City on the property located at 112 South Masonic Street. A public hearing will be set up prior to the October 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting to hear comments on the application.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **City Attorney Report**

City Attorney Reeves reviewed several items that relate to the City for Covid 19 procedures.

1. **Executive Session**

Not Needed

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 6:49 P.M.

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

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

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