**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 7, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Millen, City Council was held on September 7, 2021 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, and Robin Scott. Absent was Council Member Walter Thomas. 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 Hubert Reeves gave the invocation**.**

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from August 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the August 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review and Approve the Loan Modification for Georgia Environmental Finance Authority loan DW2019023(Water Meter Project Loan) extending the Draw Period to December 1, 2022**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Loan Modification for GEFA Loan#DW2019023 extending the draw period of the loan until December 1, 2022 and approve a Resolution allowing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Modification for the City. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review and Approve the use of Contingency Funds to purchase from Core & Main 1500 water meters @ $187,500.00 and 64 meter boxes @ $16,000.00 until a draw from GEFA Loan #DW2019023 can be made to replace the funds to the Contingency Fund**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to pay the invoices from Core & Main for the Water Meter Project, in the amounts of $187,500.00 and $16,000.00 from the Contingency Fund. The funds will be replaced to the Contingency Fund when a draw is available from GEFA loan #DW2019023. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss the 2021 City of Millen Property Tax Millage Rate and set Public Hearing Date**

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Consolidated property tax numbers. Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to hold a Public Hearing on October 5, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. prior to the Regular Council Meeting and advertise the 5 year history of levy prior to the Public Hearing with a City Millage rate of 7.246. Mayor and Council will vote to set the millage rate for 2021 after the Public Hearing. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve the 2021 Millen LMIG Paving Bid:**

**Reeves Construction - $212,377.50**

**C & H Paving - $240,197.00**

**Ellis Wood - $168,785.00**

**Sikes Brothers - $158,854.40**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the low bid for the 2021 LMIG Paving Project by Sikes Brothers Inc in the amount of $158,854.40 and adopt a Resolution and approve the notice of award to Sikes Brothers Inc. Also, the cost above the available LMIG funds will be paid from T-Splost. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review 2017 and proposed 2021 LMIG Road Paving List**

Mayor and Council reviewed the 2017 LMIG list and the proposed 2021 LMIG list.

1. **Review proposed Alcohol Code Amendment**

City Attorney Reeves discussed the proposed Alcohol Ordinance that would be updated if the Distilled Spirits Referendum passes during the November election. He presented a new combined ordinance for Beer & Wine and Distilled Spirits. The ordinance will be brought back to Council at the October meeting for review and updates.

1. **Review request from Main Street Millen for Fair on the Square and parade on October 2, 2021, whether to cancel due to Covid-19**

Mayor and Council by common consent recommend to Main Street Millen that the 2021 Fair on the Square be canceled due to the rise in Covid 19 cases.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with Mayor and Council. Outstanding property tax payments for 2019 are $12,172 and 2020 are $28,977. The property tax sale is scheduled for December 2021 to take place with the County Tax Sale.

1. **Broadband Ready Community Ordinance – Public Hearing September 16, 2021 10:30AM at County Annex Building**

Mayor and Council were informed that the County was applying for a Broadband grant and the City-County Joint Comprehensive Plan needed to be modified to include Broadband Services. The current plan runs from 2018 to 2028. This modification along with the approval of a Broadband Ordinance by the City and County would give the County a greater chance to receive the grant. The CSRA Regional Commission is working on the modification and plans to hold a Public Hearing on September 16, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. at the County Annex Building. The City would need to adopt the new Plan and a Broadband Ordinance at their regular October meeting.

1. **Review Proposed American Relief Plan Projects**

Mayor and Council were presented a list of proposed projects that could be accomplished with American Relief Plan Funds. The projects range from refurbishing three of the City’s aging sewer lift stations, replacement of deteriorating sewer lines and replacement of concrete water mains. Council instructed City Manager Brantley to move forward with getting the lift station proposal and to prepare to pipe burst approximately 1100 feet of sewer line when the pipe burst contractor is working on the 2020 CDBG project.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **City Attorney Report**

Nothing to Report

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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**