**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 4, 2022**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on January 4, 2022 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 Giovanni Shumake. Also present were City Attorney Hubert Reeves, and City Manager Jeff Brantley.**

1. **Call to Order**

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

1. **Invocation**

City Attorney Hubert Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Swear in of Council Member Regina Coney, Ed Fuller and Giovanni Shumake by Judge Wanda Burke**

Probate Judge Wanda Burke conducted the swearing in ceremony for newly elected Council Member Giovanni Shumake and re-elected Council Members Regina Coney and Ed Fuller. Judge Burke conducted the ceremony by phone due to her being in isolation from exposure to Covid 19.

1. **Consent Agenda**

**Approve Minutes from December 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the December 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Mandy Underwood - Main Street Millen Annual Report**

Main Street Millen Executive Director Mandy Underwood presented an annual summary of events conducted in 2021 by Main Street Millen, the Downtown Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce. A copy of her report is attached to the minutes.

1. **Vote to Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022**

Council Member Shumake made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to appoint Council Member Darrel Clifton as the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Appoint City Attorney for 2022 – R. Hubert Reeves III currently serving**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to appoint R. Hubert Reeves III as the City Attorney for 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Appoint City Auditor – Reddick, Riggs, Hunter & Colson PC currently serving**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to appoint Reddick, Riggs, Hunter, & Colson PC as the City Auditor for 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to appoint Municipal Court Judge – April Stafford currently serving**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to appoint April Stafford as the Millen Municipal Court Judge for 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to appoint Municipal Court Solicitor – Sam Derocco currently serving**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to appoint Sam Derocco as the Millen Municipal Court Solicitor for 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Appoint Municipal Court Public Defender – Christopher Gohagan currently serving**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to appoint Christopher Gohagan as the Millen Municipal Court Public Defender for 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Appoint Council Member to the Jenkins County Development Authority for 3-year term 2022-2024 – Ed Fuller currently serving**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shumake to appoint Council Member Ed Fuller to the Jenkins County Development Authority for a three-year term 2022-2024. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Appoint Council Member to the Jenkins County Family Enrichment Center – Walter Thomas currently serving**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to appoint Giovanni Shumake to the Jenkins County Family Enrichment Center Board for 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Appoint Council Member to the Jenkins County Health Department – Darrel Clifton currently serving**

Council Member Shumake made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to appoint Darrel Clifton to the Jenkins County Health Department Board for 2022. The motion carried by unanimous vote

1. **Vote to Appoint Member to Planning and Zoning Board for a 5-Year Term 2022-2026 – Joe Sasser currently serving**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to appoint Joe Sasser to the City of Millen Planning and Zoning Board for a five-year term 2022- 2026. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

1. **2020 CDBG Update**

Mayor and Council were informed by City Manager Brantley that work on the 2020 CDBG was progressing on schedule. The sewer pipe bursting was complete and work installing storm water drains, began this week. The next work would be installation of curbs and gutters and then resurfacing the streets.

1. **Landfill Fee on City Property Tax Bills for 2022**

City Manager Brantley discussed the County’s fee of $60.00 for Landfill Fees on all City and County Property Tax Bills with improvements. He informed the Mayor and Council that the City Attorney has started discussions with the County Attorney about removing the fee from the City tax bills for 2022. Since the county has leased out the landfill and the City has contracted trash pickup with Allgreen Services, the county is not providing the service the fee intended to support. By common consent, the Council approved moving forward with discussing the fee removal with the county.

1. **City Redistricting Update**

City Manager Brantley informed Mayor and Council that the State Redistricting office was working on the City’s voter redistricting maps. The state office said it may be February or March before they had any maps for Council to review, since the City didn’t have an election in 2022. Cities and Counties that had elections in 2022 were being mapped ahead of those with no 2022 elections.

1. **Set up Work Session Meeting**

A work session for Council was set up for January 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Council Member Clifton stated he had received and email from the Georgia Municipal Association about LOST training classes scheduled in several locations around the state. He requested City Manager Brantley sign him up for the class being held in Thomson, Georgia. City Manager Brantley and Mayor Rocker are also signed up for the class in Thomson.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **City Attorney Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **Executive Session**

**If Needed**

Not Needed

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 6:44 P.M.

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

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

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