**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**December 6, 2022**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on December 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber 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 6:00 p.m.

1. **Invocation**

City Attorney Reeves gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**
2. **Approve Minutes from November 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**
3. **Approve Annual Sweet Escape 5K race for February 11, 2023 for the GA/SC Youth Diabetes Association**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Citizen Request by Shanelle Carr to be placed on the Agenda to request a Christmas Parade on December 24, 2022**

Shanelle Carr appeared before Council to request a parade to be allowed on December 24, 2022 to begin on MLK Avenue and ending on Acorn Avenue. The parade will precede the Annual Annie P Chance Toy Give away. A copy of the parade route will be attached to the minutes.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shumake to approve the parade and allow the Millen Police Department to assist with traffic control and any necessary barricades. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve Employee Christmas Party to be held at City Hall on December 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. and approve funding**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the employee Christmas Party for December 16, 2022. The motion approves funding for food up to $800.00 and $600.00 for cash prizes to employees with funds coming from the employee coke and snack fund. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Approve Employee Christmas Bonus (Recommend same as last year, $60 with < 1-year service, $160 with > 1-year service plus additional $5/year for every year over 7 years and $50 for part time)**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Employee Christmas Bonus as recommended, $60.00 with < 1-year service, $160.00 with > 1 year service plus additional $5/year for every year over 7 years and $50 for part time employees. The motion also included an extra $100.00 for all employees due to the low workers compensation claims during the calendar year. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve Bid for 2021 CDBG**

 **\* Shockley Plumbing, Inc. - $629,320.00**

The bid approval for the 2021 CDBG was tabled. Since there was only one bid, the Department of Community Affairs needs to approve the sole source bid before the city can approve the bid.

1. **Approve Bid for pump station installation**
* **Shamgar, Inc - $351,066.00**
* **Shockley Plumbing, Inc - $395,000.00**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the bid from Shamgar, Inc in the amount of $351,000.00 for the installation of three pump stations using ARPA funds. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve the loan resolution for the GEFA (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority) loan in the amount of $1,100,000.00 to assist in the EPD Grant well and tank project**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Darrel Clifton as the Authorized Borrower Representative to act on behalf of the City on GEFA loan documents loan number GF2022006 and appoint City Manager Jeff Brantley to attest the signature. The motion carried by vote of 5-0, Mayor King Rocker abstained.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to Approve the GEFA Loan Agreement and Promissory Note loan number GF2022006 in the amount of $1,100,000.00. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0, Mayor Rocker abstained.

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

City Manager Brantley reviewed the financials with the Mayor and Council. Natural Gas expenses and price fluctuation were discussed.

1. **Water Tank Antenna Lease**

City Manager Brantley informed Council that the City had been contacted by a group interested in installing antennas on the City water tank located on Pine Avenue. Council will be updated as negotiations progress.

1. **New Water Tank Location Update**

Council was shown a new map with the proposed water tank location on U.S. Highway 25 North. The tank site needs to be moved about 250 feet east due to the advice from our engineer and a painting contractor. The existing location was too close to the highway. A shroud needs to constructed each time the City paints the tank to prevent paint drift onto vehicles. The estimated cost would be $125,000 for the shroud each time tank painting is needed. By common consent Council agreed to the new proposed location. The surveyor will move forward with preparing a survey for the City and Jenkins County Development Authority.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **City Attorney Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Clifton inquired about previous discussions with the County to provide Building Permits and inspections within the City Limits. Council instructed City Manager Brantley to send a letter to the County about building inspections and to include the possibility of a Blight Tax being issued by the County.

Council Member Shumake inquired about disturbances at 717 Herndon Street with gunshots being fired.

1. **Executive Session**

Not Needed

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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

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

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