**Council Minutes**

**Regular Meeting**

**February 7, 2023**

**A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on February 7, 2023 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**

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

1. **Consent Agenda**
2. **Approve Minutes from January 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting**

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

1. **Review and Approve 2020 CDBG Demolition Bid**
* **Marks Demolition and Environmental Group - $27,315.00**
* **Coastal Tree Care, LLC - $37,600.00**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the Resolution accepting the bid from Marks Demolition and Environmental Group in the amount of $27,315.00 for the City of Millen 2020 CDBG Demolition. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Review and Approve Speed Hump on Pine Avenue**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to approve a speed hump on Pine Avenue. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Discuss moving the July Regular meeting which falls on July 4th**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to move the July 2023 Regular Council Meeting to Thursday July 6, 2023. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Approve Surplus Equipment and Vehicles List for Auction**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the list of Surplus Equipment and Vehicles as surplus items to be sold at auction. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The list is attached to the minutes.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve selling the City’s surplus in a joint sale with the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Vote to Appoint Member to the Planning and Zoning Board for a 5-year Term 2023-2027 – Janette Keezel currently serving**

Council Member Fuller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to re appoint Janette Keezel to the Planning and Zoning Board for a 5 year term from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027. 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 city auditor would be at the March Council Meeting to present the audit for fiscal year 2022.

1. **LMIG Paving Update**

City Manager Brantley informed Mayor and Council that the LMIG paving on SSG Robert Mosley Street and a section of Gray Street was complete except for dressing up the dirt on the shoulders of SSG Robert Mosley Street. The remaining work should be complete in the next two weeks weather permitting.

1. **New Water Tank Location Update**

Mayor and Council were informed that the survey for the tank site was corrected and the deed transferring the property to the City was signed and being recorded.

1. **Community House Update**

Mayor and Council were informed the porch tiles had been delivered and would be installed as weather permits. The tiling would complete the work contracted to Rodney Oglesby Construction**.** Other work being done is replacing 5 broken windows on the rear of the building and replacing some metal on the rear eves that has rusted. Refinishing the wood floors will be done in April.

1. **November City Election Qualifying Dates August 21, 2023 through August 25, 2023**

Mayor and Council were informed that the qualifying dates for the November 7, 2023 City Election were from August 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. ending on August 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

1. **Jenkins County Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing – February 14, 2023 11:00 am at County Annex Building**

Mayor and Council were provided with a rough draft of the Jenkins County Joint Comprehensive Plan 2023-2028 and notified that a Public Hearing was being held to finalize the plan on February 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the County Annex building.

1. **Christmas Decoration Update**

Mayor and Council were informed that Georgia Power was working on a Pole Attachment Agreement for the City to add electrical outlets to approximately 20 poles on Winthrope Avenue. Georgia Power’s engineer has reviewed the site and started the engineering process.

1. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Preliminary Engineering Funding**

City Manager Brantley informed the Mayor and Council that he applied for a grant last July for a Streetscape grant for Old Waynesboro Road between Winthrope Avenue and Barney Avenue. GDOT has awarded the City a Preliminary Engineering grant in the amount of $283,800 to begin planning and design. The grant requires a 20% match and the process takes about 10 years from start to construction completion.

1. **Mayor’s Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **City Attorney Report**

Nothing to Report

1. **Council Comments/Reports**

Council Member Clifton asked if the City has a dog problem. He was informed that the dogs in the City by ordinance were to be kept under restraint. He noted that the shrubs along Park Avenue were blocking visibility for motorist. He inquired on the utility billing cycles. He also mentioned problems with the front door at the Community House.

Council Member Shumake requested the City Manager to get three quotes for insurance on playground equipment. He also requested that the police department be offered soft skill training for interactions with the public.

1. **Executive Session**
* **Consultation with the city attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the city or any officer or employee or in which the city or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to exit regular session at 7:16 p.m. and enter executive session to consult with the City Attorney as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to exit executive session and enter regular session at 7:57 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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

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

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