

**Council Minutes  
Millen City Council  
May 5, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members Andrew Allen, Joel Carter Sr., Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, and Robin Scott. Also, present were City Attorney Andrew Lavoie, City Manager Jeff Brantley, and others on the attached list.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Rocker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation**

Council Member Clifton gave the invocation.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2026, Regular Council Meeting**

**b. Approve Minutes of April 21, 2026, Called Council Meeting**

**c. Approve Minutes of April 21, 2026, Council Workshop**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

**4. Presentation by HSH Millen LLC for the installation of commercial solar panels on Commerce Way**

Pat Huchinson of Peak Solarworks made a presentation to the Mayor and Council for a proposed commercial solar array located on Commerce Way. The plans are to add panels to their existing facility and add panels to additional adjoining land recently purchased from the Jenkins County Development Authority.

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen to approve the plans presented by Peak Solarworks for HSH Millen LLC allowing them to receive a City building permit. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

**5. Gas Department Public Awareness Training**

The Public Awareness Training was tabled until next month due to Utility Director Thomas being unable to attend the meeting.

**6. Review for Approval a donation to Main Street Millen for the Hometown Patriotic Celebration set for July 3, 2026**

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Clifton to donate \$1500.00 to MainStreet Millen for the Hometown Patriotic Celebration to be held on July 3, 2026. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

**7. Review for Approval closing Cotton Avenue in front of the PAL Theater on October 3, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m. for MainStreet Millen's Street concert.**

Council Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to close Cotton Avenue between Harvey Street and Gray Street on October 3, 2026, for MainStreet Millen to hold a street concert. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

**8. MainStreet Millen presentation for Entertainment District**

MainStreet Millen Executive Director presented the Mayor and Council with a request to consider approving an Entertainment District in the downtown area which would allow alcohol consumption outside of businesses. A sample ordinance was reviewed along with a proposed area. By common consent, the Mayor and Council agreed to have the City Attorney start gathering information and working on an ordinance.

**9. Review for Approval of the City of Millen 2026 Surplus Equipment List**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve the 2026 Surplus Equipment List. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

**10. Review for Approval of Sanitation Contract Amendment**

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to approve an amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Contract between the City of Millen and Allgreen Service, a Division of Atlantic Waste Service dated March 17, 2021. The motion included the selection of option two for pricing listed on the letter dated March 2, 2026, from Ben Wall, President of Allgreen Services, a Division of Atlantic Waste Services, Inc. The motion carried by unanimous vote 6-0.

**11. City Manager Report**

**A. Financials**

B. City Manager Brantley reviewed the monthly financials for April with Mayor and Council. It was noted net revenue for April was \$38,916 and net revenue year to date was \$335,259. Several large one-time expenses were discussed.

**C. Various Grant Updates**

The Mayor and Council were informed about a GEFA OSG (Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant) for up to \$1 million for sewer upgrades. This is a zero-match grant and the City is working on an application for sewer upgrades from Morningside Circle to Grimm Avenue. Updates on other active grants were also discussed. Also, repairs to the Community House for the termite damage were completed for less than \$3500.00.

**D. Review LMIG Road Paving List**

The 2024 LMIG paving list was updated showing the completed streets. By common consent, the Mayor and Council approved the 2027 LMIG list adding parts of Plum Avenue, Hendrix Street and Odom Street.

**12. Mayor's Report**

The Mayor had no report.

**13. City Attorney Report**

The City Attorney had no report.

**14. Council Member Comments/Reports**

Council Member Clifton inquired about the ownership of the Caboose on Cotton Ave. Mayor Rucker responded that it is the Jenkins County Development Authority's since they were responsible for securing it from the railroad. It was noted the City pressure washed it in the past month and the Jenkins County Development Authority was going to repaint it. He also inquired as to the status of the county implementing a blight tax, leaking fire hydrant near Millen Peanut Company, homelessness, and informed Council of a 22 mile to bring attention to Veteran issues. The walk is being sponsored by Millen United Veteran and Community Works on May 22-23<sup>rd</sup> and begins in Hopeulikit and concludes at the Millen Courthouse.

Council Member Carter inquired about the Westside Cemetery road work. He was informed that since the city's motor grader was now repaired work would begin soon. Council Member Coney asked for clarification on the sanitation rates.

**15. Executive Session**

Executive Session was not needed.

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Rucker adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Approved by Mayor and Council: June 2, 2026

Mayor's Signature: Alvin Rucker

Attest by City Manager: [Signature]

## **2026 City of Millen Surplus Vehicle and Equipment List**

**2016 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor – VIN# 1FM5K8ARXGGB88695**

**2017 Grasshopper 623T Front Deck Lawn Mower S/N 6811072**

## Amendment to Solid Waste Collection Contract

This amendment is made and entered into this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, by and between the CITY OF MILLEN (the "City") a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its Mayor and City Council, and ALLGREEN SERVICES, A DIVISION OF ATLANTIC WASTE SERVICES, INC., a Georgia limited liability company ("Allgreen").

### WITNESSETH

This amendment is made as part of the original solid waste contract between the City and Allgreen dated April 1, 2021. The purpose of this amendment is to modify the current rates and extend the same operating terms and conditions from the original agreement and the amended agreement.

**WHEREAS** the City previously entered into an Exclusive Agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste ("Original Agreement") with Allgreen on April 1, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the Original Agreement expires on March 31, 2026, and

**WHEREAS** the Original Agreement allowed for the renewal for a new five (5) year term if mutually agreed by the parties, and

**WHEREAS** the parties agree to renew the same operating terms and conditions from the Original Agreement for a new five-year term expiring on March 31, 2031, and

**WHEREAS** the new rates proposed by Allgreen (option 2) shall be the following effective April 1, 2026:

Residential per cart	\$21
Commercial per cart	\$23
2-yard 1xw	\$90
4-yard 1xw	\$110
6-yard 1xw	\$135
8-yard 1xw	\$175

**WHEREAS** on the anniversary date (April 1) of each year in the new five-year term, rates will be adjusted by changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) water, sewer and trash collection index and Allgreen shall inform the City of the upcoming changes in writing at least 60 days prior to April 1, and

**WHEREAS** in the event Allgreen fails to complete collection of the yard debris route during any given week, a penalty in the amount of \$1,000 shall be assessed to Allgreen for failure to complete the route. This penalty shall apply only in the event that Allgreen's grapple truck or other designated collection vehicles fail to service the yard debris route. Any such penalty shall be applied as a credit to the month in which the failure occurred, and


**WHEREAS** the City and Allgreen agree that all other operating and service terms and conditions of the original agreement will remain in full force and effect, and

In **WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto, for and in consideration of the mutual benefits and promises passing between the City and Allgreen as set forth in the original agreement do hereby agree to modify current rates and extend the term of the original agreement for services until March 31, 2031.

CITY OF MILLEN, GEORGIA

By:   
MAYOR

Dated: May 5, 2026

Witness: 



ALLGREEN SERVICES, A DIVISION OF ATLANTIC WASTE SERVICES, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_



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March 2, 2026

Mr. Jeff Brantley  
City Manager  
P.O. Box 929  
Millen, Georgia 30442

Dear Jeff:

To follow up on our discussion of last week, our current contract agreement expires March 31. We would very much like to renew our agreement with new service rates going forward. Our agreement states *"The term of the agreement shall be renewed for an additional five years by the mutual agreement of the parties..."*

Our agreement began in April 2021 and our rates today are exactly as they were five years ago when we started. As you recall, we rolled rates back to their starting point when we were negotiating the landfill expansion with the County. Millen has benefitted from that rollback and has essentially received services for five years with no increase. The current rates are Covid era rates and are below our current operating cost to provide our services.

As we discussed, I would like to offer a couple options for your consideration. The second option reduces some of the burden on residential customers and puts more on commercial accounts. We have found this is often a more desirable option for City's when rate adjustments are needed.

Option 1

Residential per cart rates to \$23  
Commercial per cart rates to \$25  
Commercial Dumpster rates to the following:  
2-yard 1xw \$80  
4-yard 1xw \$100  
6-yard 1xw \$125  
8-yard 1xw \$155

<u>Option 2</u>	Residential per cart rates to \$21
	Commercial per cart rates to \$23
2-yard 1xw	\$90
4-yard 1xw	\$110
6-yard 1xw	\$135
8-yard 1xw	\$175

I have also included a contract amendment for your review that would renew the terms for an additional five years as the contract allows. New rates would become effective April 1. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement would remain the same.

Allgreen Services has consistently worked to provide high-quality, reliable services to your citizens. In addition, we play a vital role in the community through our County Landfill agreement. Renewing our agreement under mutually agreeable terms will ensure we can continue delivering the level of service your citizens have come to expect and deserve.

Please let me know what else you may need from me on this.

Sincerely,



Ben Wall

President

Allgreen Services, A Division of Atlantic Waste Services, Inc.

City of Millen

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Name	Signature	Organization	Title
Cottie Traylor		Baylor Hospital	Owner
Dennis Small		City of Millen	
Debbie Hearn		JD Times	
Allie Scott		Citizen	
Clay Paulson		City of Millen	
Dorotha Bennett		Millen News	
Bill Rest	Bill Rest		
Mandy Underwood	Mandy Underwood	Main Street	
Andrew Lawrie		BML	city attorney
Larry Wilson		City of Millen	Utilities
Wanda Williams	Wanda Williams	Citizen	
Pat Wilkinson		Deane S. Jones	
Dwayne HERRINGTON		CITY OF MILLEN	
EWEEN WATSON			
EMMANUEL WATSON			
SHEILA HICKS			
Edmond Willie Sampson	D. Day	WCA	Citizens
Krystal Coney		Rox Foundation	Founder