

**Council Minutes
Millen City Council
July 7, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Millen City Council was held on July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor King Rocker, Council Members, Joel Carter Sr., Darrel Clifton, Regina Coney, and Robin Scott. Council Member Andrew Allen was not present. Also, present were City Attorney Matt Mathews, 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. Public Hearing for Zoning Change Case # 2026-01

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney opening a public hearing with the right to return to regular session for the purpose of hearing rezoning case # 2026-01. The motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

City Manager Brantley reviewed the application and request with Council. He informed Council the Planning and Zoning Board met on June 11, 2026, to review the application and unanimously recommended approval.

Comments from the public in support of the application were made by Gwen Watson. There were no comments from the public against the application.

Council Comments: Council member Scott asked Where the access to the lots was being set up. Mr. Chance responded access would be off Dairy Road.

There were no more questions or comments.

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carter to close the public hearing and return to regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

4. Council to Entertain a motion to approve or deny the Zoning Change Application

Council Member Coney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carter to approve the re-zoning application case # 2026-01 for Mike S. Chance. The motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0. A copy of the rezoning application package is attached to the minutes.

5. Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes of June 3, 2026, Regular Council Meeting

Approve Minutes of June 16, 2026, Called Council Meeting

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve to Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

6. Review for Approval the Engineer Selection of Parker Engineering, LLC for the City's CDBG-DR Grant

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Coney to approve Parker Engineering LLC as the engineering firm for the City of Millen CDBG-Dr grant and to utilize the CSRA Regional Commission to write and administer this grant. The motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

7. City Manager Report

A. Financials

B. City Manager Brantley reviewed the June monthly financials with Council. He noted net revenue for June was - \$21,545.20 and fiscal year end net revenue was \$348,587.87. He noted two large out of ordinary expenses for the month and the amount of outstanding 2025 property taxes were \$60,509.

C. Review Splost 7 Collections

The final collections for Splost 7 were discussed. Splost 7 ended on March 31, 2026 and the total collections were \$6,116,872.40. Tier 1 projects subtracted from that total were \$900,000. The City's portion of the remainder was \$1,824,907.78. Splost 8 collections began April 1, 2026.

D. Review of the 2025 Water Quality Report

Council reviewed and discussed the 2025 Water Quality Report.

E. Blight Tax Advertisement

Council reviewed and discussed the 2026 additions to the Blight Tax List. This list was sent to the legal organ newspaper as a legal ad running the month of July. These properties will be billed as Blight for the 2026 property tax billing.

F. Grant Updates

City Manager Brantley gave updates on several grants. The GTIB (Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank) for new sidewalks on Old Waynesboro Road has been approved at 100% grant in the amount of \$454,535, no match required. The GEFA OSG for sewer upgrades looks promising with a reduced amount of \$650,000.

GEFA Helene Resilience Funding FY26 for sewer improvements in the Ada Drive area has been submitted.

The SED grant is two-thirds complete. The last part will be boring under the railroad tracks and tying all the lines together.

The first draw for the 2024 SAFER Firefighter grant has been submitted for \$26,000.

8. Mayor's Report

No Report

9. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Mathews discussed the results of the poll submitted to Council about an entertainment district. He will begin preparing a sample ordinance for Council to review and make suggestions.

10. Council Member Comments/Reports

Council Member Carter commented about water puddling Infront of the Community House and about a recent smell that was reported. The smell was not present when staff checked the community house on the following Monday. The water issue will be investigated.

Council Member Clifton inquired about food trucks setting up on Saturdays. He also mentioned changing the Blight Tax to what the GMA and other Cities have in place.

Council Member Scott Discussed his recent class at the GMA Convention about Annexation. He also mentioned a Grant Opportunity with no match.

11. Executive Session

- **Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a city officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2);**

Council Member Coney made a motion at 6:54 P.M., seconded by Council Member Scott to exit regular session and enter executive session to discuss employee compensation. The motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

Council Member Scott made a motion at 7:26 P.M., seconded by Council Member Coney to exit executive session and enter regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

Council Member Clifton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Scott to give a 3% raise to all eligible employees beginning with the first pay period in August. The motion carried by unanimous vote 5-0.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Rocker adjourned the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

Approved by Mayor and Council: _____

Mayor's Signature: _____

Attest by City Manager: _____