

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

A called meeting was held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Metter Police Department located at 805 E. Lillian St.

Attending the called meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Mayor Pro tem Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman James McKie
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilman Paul MacGregor
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Police Chief Robert Shore
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

There were no guests present.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGINACE

Councilman McKie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Taylor gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda amending it to include a motion to amend the city's offer to the Board of Commissioners of Candler County to provide irrigation water at no charge for the Recreation Department and amend the Service Delivery Strategy agreement to reflect this change. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Administration Services 2021 CDBG

The first item on the agenda was to select and approve a contract with Associates in Local Government Assistance, Inc. for administration services for the 2021 Community Development

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Block Grant (CDBG). Councilwoman Rashida Taylor and Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease excused themselves from the room due to a conflict of interest. They both own property in the target area.

A review team, which consisted of Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix, City Clerk Angie Conner, and HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield, reviewed, and scored each company that submitted a proposal for administrative services. Associates in Local Government Assistance, Inc. received the highest score and has been recommended by the team.

Councilman Brandon Sikes made a motion to select and approve a contract with Associates in Local Government Assistance, Inc. for administration services for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as recommended by the review team which consisted of Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix, City Clerk Angie Conner, and HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield. Councilman James McKie seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Brandon Sikes, Councilman James McKie, and Councilman Paul MacGregor all voting in favor.

Engineering Services 2021 CDBG

The second item on the agenda was to select an Engineering Firm to provide engineering services for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Councilwoman Rashida Taylor and Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease were not present for this discussion due to a conflict of interest. They both own property in the project target area.

A review team, which consisted of Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix, City Clerk Angie Conner, and HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield, reviewed, and scored each company that submitted a proposal for engineering services. Parker Engineering Services received the highest score and has been recommended by the team.

Councilman James McKie made a motion to select Parker Engineering Services for engineering services for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as recommended by the review team which consisted of Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix, City Clerk Angie Conner, and HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield. Councilman Brandon Sikes seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman James McKie, Councilman Brandon Sikes, and Councilman Paul MacGregor all voting in favor.

Councilmembers Chyrileen Kilcrease and Rashida Taylor rejoined the meeting after all CDBG discussions were complete.

Alcohol License Application

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an application for alcoholic beverage license for off premise consumption of beer and wine submitted by Mohnish J. Patel, Shrii 7 LLC dba M-Market located at 316 SE Broad Street, Metter, Georgia. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Recreation Department – Free Irrigation Water

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion amend the city's offer to the Board of Commissioners of Candler County to provide irrigation water at no charge for the Recreation Department and amend the Service Delivery Strategy agreement to reflect this change. Councilman McKie

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seconded the motion. Councilman Sikes commented that he feels more comfortable with offering the recreation department free irrigation water. He said he could not vote to allow them to drill a well. City Manager Carter Crawford said that a statement could be added to the Recreation Department Service Delivery Strategy Agreement stating that the city will provide irrigation water at no charge and if either party wants to change this agreement, then there will be a 12-month notice.

Mayor Boyd called on Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix to give his take on the issue. Mr. Hendrix stated that if we let them dig a well then this will open us up because our ordinance states that you cannot dig a well in the city limits. They will not be able to hook into our system due to cross contamination. They will also need EPD approval to dig a well.

Councilwoman Kilcrease said that we will be setting a precedence if we allow them to dig a well.

Councilman McKie asked as of now who is responsible for any repairs. Mr. Hendrix said that the city is responsible up to the meter and from there it is the county's responsibility.

Mayor Boyd said that he has two issues:

- 1) We do not know when we may have another drought.
- 2) We do not know what kind of industry might come here.

Councilwoman Taylor said that she did not think allowing them to dig a well would set a precedence since it would be an agreement between two governmental entities.

Councilman McKie said that he is concerned over the cost of the well. He thinks free irrigation water is a better offer.

After no further discussion, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to amend the city's offer to the Board of Commissioners of Candler County to provide irrigation water at no charge for the Recreation Department and amend the Service Delivery Strategy agreement to reflect this change.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk