

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Training Room at the Metter Police Department located at 805 E. Lillian St.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Paul MacGregor
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Brandon Sikes
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Police Chief Robert Shore
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers
Jerri Goodman – Metter Advertiser

Councilman James McKie was absent from this meeting.

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Mr. & Mrs. James Daniel

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Sikes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Sikes gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, May 10, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
- b) Called Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
- c) Public Hearing, Monday, June 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Carter Crawford and Heidi Jeffers, Director of Tourism/Business Development – Georgia Grown Innovation Center

City Manager Carter Crawford and Heidi Jeffers, Director of Tourism/Business Development gave an update on the Georgia Grown Innovation Center. They showed a video to mayor and council which they used during a presentation at the City/County Manager's Conference. An international representative liked the concept so much that he is taking it back to his community. Mayor said that the presentation was very impressive. He thanked Heidi for doing an excellent job managing the innovation center. We now have 20 clients in the center.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendment

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the City Charter by changing the adoption of the City's annual budget by an ordinance to adoption by resolution of Council. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Adopting the FY 2022 City of Metter Budgets

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve a Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for each fund of the City of Metter, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual fund available. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution – Profit Sharing Plan

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adopt a Resolution approving and adopting the form of amended Profit-Sharing Plan effective January 1, 2021, and that an

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authorized representative of the City of Metter is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution - GMA Lease New Holland Tractor and Mower

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution to authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Metter to execute a lease supplement under the GMA Direct Leasing Program for a New Holland tractor and mower. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Set Public Hearing Date

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to set a public hearing date for Monday, July 12, 2021, 5:15 p.m. at Metter Police Department for public input on a zoning amendment application. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

S.O.P. Assignment and Use of Police Vehicles

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the S.O.P. Assignment and Use of Police Vehicles policy as recommended by Chief Robert Shore and City Manager Carter Crawford. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Quitclaim Deed – Ownership of Industrial Park Pond

Councilman Sikes made a motion to affirmatively accept the ownership of the Industrial Park Pond by Quitclaim Deed from the Board of Commissioners of Candler County to the City of Metter. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Calling for the 2021 General Election

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution to provide for the Call of the 2021 General Election for the City of Metter, Georgia; to provide for the qualifying fees and dates and times to qualify for City Council Seat 2 District 1, Seat 4 District 2, and Mayor at Large; to provide for the appointment of the Candler County Probate Court Judge as the Elections Superintendent and to provide for the appointment of the City of Metter City Clerk as Qualifying Officer. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental written reports were placed in the agenda packet for council's review.

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Chief Shore added that he has hired two new officers who are local people. He also reported that the license plate reader at the interstate is tracking all vehicles that comes North of the Interstate. It reads every plate. It also alerts officers of suspensions.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Crawford reported that according to the financial statements, the city is looking good for the first 11 months of the budget cycle. Revenues have come in at 105% so far. We are \$451,000 to the good in the general fund. All funds are in the black except the Hotel Motel Tax Fund is a little short.

Mr. Crawford informed the mayor and council that the city has received a check from the county for the fire truck payment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd reported on the following:

1. Congratulated the Baseball Team on their State Championship and reported on the parade and celebration in the downtown park for their accomplishment.
2. Thanked Carter Crawford and Heidi Jeffers for their presentation and video on the Georgia Grown Innovation Center.
3. Reported that Dean Stone had a luncheon at the Depot for Governor Brian Kemp.
4. Hope White hosted an all-day seminar on logistics. It was held here in Metter and 85 people from all over attended.
5. The GMA District 9 meeting was held at the George L. Smith State Park. It was hosted by Twin City Mayor Matt Donelson.
6. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a successful food truck festival.
7. We had two firemen that went in a burning house and rescued a baby. We are sending this information to the Governor.
8. The GMA Convention will be held in person this year. It will be in Savannah, August 6th through 10th. This will be at the same time as our regular meeting. Mayor Boyd suggested changing the August regular meeting date. Council agreed and decided to change the date to August 16th.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk