

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

A called meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilman Paul MacGregor
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Interim City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
H/R Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield
Carvy Snell, Metter Advertiser
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

There were no guests present at this meeting. Due to the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health only 10 people were allowed in the council chambers. There was a live stream of the meeting on the Metter Police Department Facebook page which allowed the public to see the meeting and make comments.

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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to consider declaring a State of Emergency due to the COVID 19 (Novel Coronavirus) and putting an Executive Order in place.

State of Emergency

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to declare a State of the Emergency for the City of Metter due to COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Order

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to issue an Executive Order as listed below. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Order

During the course of the State of Emergency for the City of Metter declared on March 23, 2020, the following, deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population, shall be applicable:

A) Public or private gatherings of more than ten (10) persons are prohibited anywhere in City of Metter for the duration of this Executive Order. For the purposes of this Order, a "gathering" is any indoor or outdoor event or convening, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, which brings together or is likely to bring together, ten (10) or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, stadium (indoor or outdoor), tent, arena, event center, music venue, meeting hall, conference center, restaurants, cafeteria, church, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space, to include birthday parties, family reunions, baby showers, and weddings. Funeral services shall only be held outdoors/ graveside and shall adhere to CDC distancing recommendations as current or amended. For purposes of this Executive Order, a "gathering" shall not include the following:

- i) Office space, government facilities, public or private schools,

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child-care facilities, residential buildings, or any type of temporary shelter or housing;

- ii) Hospitals and medical facilities;
- iii) Grocery stores; and
- iv) Restaurants operating in compliance with Section B of this Order.

B) Restaurants shall only offer curbside, take out, delivery, and drive through service options. Restaurants remaining open for business shall operate in a manner that allows for a minimum of six feet of separation between all customers and employees. Any bar not serving food shall close for business.

C) Hair salons, barbers, nail salons, spas, tattoo parlors, and indoor recreational facilities, including gyms, physical fitness centers, dance studios, and any other business that cannot operate within a six (6) foot distance from their clientele shall be closed for the term of this Executive Order.

D) This Order shall be effective at 12:00 A.M. March 25, 2020 and remain in force until further notice or a subsequent Executive or Council Order is issued

E) SO ORDERED this 23rd day of March 2020.

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd

ADJOURNMENT

After no further business, Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk