

**CITY OF METTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held on Monday, August 16, 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 Rashida Taylor  
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease  
Councilman Brandon Sikes  
Councilman James D. McKie  
City Clerk Angie Conner  
Police Chief Robert Shore  
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix

Councilman Paul MacGregor was absent from this meeting.

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

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**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman McKie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Councilman Sikes gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda adding Item L, support letter to the Industrial Authority in applying for ARPA grant money. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

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a) Regular Meeting, Monday, July 12, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **William M. “Billy” Trapnell Downtown Park Plaque**

Councilman James McKie left the room while this issue was on the table due to a conflict of interest, his wife works at Metter Graphics.

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a quote from Metter Graphics in the amount of \$4,919.93 for a custom shaped plaque with full color logo honoring former Mayor William M. “Billy” Trapnell to be placed in the William M. “Billy” Trapnell Downtown Park as recommended by Heidi Jeffers, Director of Economic Development. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Kilcrease, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilman Sikes voted in favor of the motion. Councilman McKie did not vote on this issue due to a conflict of interest.

#### **Special Event Alcohol Permit**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Special Event Alcohol Permit Application applied for by the Metter/Candler Chamber of Commerce allowing alcohol in the downtown park during the Food Truck Festival scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 2021, as long as the requirements of the City of Metter Municipal Code Chapter 5.008.200(C) Special Event Permits are followed. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was passed three to one. Councilwoman Kilcrease, Councilman Sikes, and Councilwoman Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Councilman McKie voted against the motion.

#### **Resolution Adopting the Candler County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve a resolution of the Metter City Council Pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 authorizing adoption of the Candler County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Resolution Reappointing Martha Cannady to the Planning Commission**

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve a resolution reappointing Ms. Martha Cannady to the Planning Commission for a five-year term, beginning September 11, 2020. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Resolution Reappointing Martha Smith to the Planning Commission**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a resolution reappointing Ms. Martha Smith to the Planning Commission for a five-year term, beginning September 11, 2021. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Resolution Reappointing John Jones, Jr. to the Planning Commission**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve a resolution reappointing Mr. John Jones, Jr. to the Planning Commission for a five-year term, beginning September 11, 2021. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Ordinance Amendment Changing Budget Adoption by Resolution**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an ordinance to amend Article VI, Section 6.25(b) of the Charter of the City of Metter, Georgia for the purpose of adoption of the city budget by Resolution, as opposed to by Ordinance. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This was the second reading.

**2022 LMIG Priority Paving List**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the proposed 2022 LMIG priority paving list as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**2022 LMIG Priority Paving List**

1. Eunice Street from Sconyers Road to Terminus .073 miles of resurfacing, centerline stripping, edge stripping and thermoplastic stop bars. Estimated cost \$13,824.00.
2. Bulloch Street from MLK, Jr. BLVD to E. Lee St. .081 miles of resurfacing, centerline stripping, edge stripping and thermoplastic stop bars. Estimated cost \$14,544.00.
3. Bay St. from E. Lillian St. to E. Lee St. 0.80 miles of resurfacing, centerline stripping, edge stripping and thermoplastic stop bars. Estimated cost \$18,336.00.
4. South College St. from E. Jeanette St. to S. Kennedy St. .196 miles of resurfacing, centerline stripping, edge stripping and thermoplastic stop bars. Estimated cost \$36,576.00.

Total Estimated Cost - \$83,280.00.

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We will receive \$70,236.14 in GDOT funds and with our 10% match we will have around \$77,259.75 for LMIG funding.

**Bid Approval Metter Ford**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a bid from Metter Ford in the amount of \$40,117.52 for a water and sewer department 2022 one-ton utility truck. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Bid Approval Metter Ford**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a bid from Metter Ford in the amount of \$39,002.52 for a streets and lanes 2022 ¾ ton pickup truck. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Bid Approval Sikes Brothers**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve awarding Sikes Brothers as low bidder for the 2021 LMIG and 2021 TIA projects. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

There were 2 bids received for the 2021 LMIG and 2021 TIA Project on June 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Sikes Brothers, Inc. was low bidder for the projects after our engineers conducted their bid review and tabulation. Even with Sikes Brothers being the low bidder, both projects were out of budget. Based on Georgia Construction Law we negotiated the price with Sikes Brothers to get within budget. The recommendation is to award these projects to Sikes Brothers, Inc. for the Negotiated Base Bid amount for the TIA \$381,890.10 (which \$13,825.50 of E. Lillian St. will be paid for by Candler County) and Negotiated Base bid for the LMIG including the drainage improvements \$132,469.86 for a total contract price of **\$514,359.96**.

**Letter of Support to Industrial Development Authority (IDA)**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the mayor writing a letter of support for the IDA to apply for ARPA grant money to complete the road in the Industrial Park which runs to Webb Circle and to add water and sewer lines and fiber cable. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Crawford was not present at the meeting due to a death in his family.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Boyd asked each council member to speak on the GMA Convention.

- Councilwoman Taylor reported that attendance was thin. The information was good. Seems that all cities and counties have the same issues.
- Councilman Sikes repeated that attendance was very slim this year. It was a good conference.
- Councilwoman Kilcrease said it was good to see improvement of cities by economic development. She attended the training board meeting. She noticed that the crowd was thin. It was good to see friends and great to meet new ones.
- Mayor Boyd reported that he spoke at a Service Delivery Strategy Class on Tuesday. He also noticed the light attendance. He reported that Carter and Heidi did a presentation on the incubator project.

Mayor Boyd attended a presentation on tearing down old, dilapidated houses. Cities were cleaning up the property and making homeowner keep it up. They talked about the Georgia Initiative Community Housing (GICH) which Metter is already a member. He said that he would like for council to attend a webinar on GICH. There is a need for housing. We need to concentrate on this area.

Mayor Boyd reported that the census count in the county was down by 17 people from the last census. He said that is not what he was expecting. Bulloch County grew by 15,000 people.

The Candler County Historical Society will hold the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the old high school building on September 4, 2021. This is the building where they are located.

Mayor Boyd reminded council that there will be a called meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. to set the 2021 millage rate.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk