

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, January 10, 2022, 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 – arrived at 5:39 p.m.
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilman Gregg Stewart
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
City Clerk Angie Conner
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

Councilman James McKie was not present at this meeting. Councilwoman Rashida Taylor arrived at 5:39 p.m.

There were no guests present.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve the following minutes:

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a) Regular Meeting, Monday, December 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

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

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Appointing Mayor Pro-tem

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a Resolution by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Metter, Georgia, to appoint Chyrileen B. Kilcrease as Mayor Pro-tem of the City of Metter for 2022. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Appointing Municipal Court Judge

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Metter, Georgia, to appoint Mr. Kendall Gross as City of Metter Municipal Court Judge for 2022. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Appointing Indigent Defense Attorney

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Metter, Georgia, to appoint Mr. Duff B. Ayers as the City of Metter Indigent Defense Attorney for 2022. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Appointing Municipal Court Prosecutor

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a Resolution by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Metter, Georgia, to appoint Mr. Brent Carter as the City of Metter Municipal Court Prosecutor for 2022. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Appointing City Attorney

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a Resolution by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Metter, Georgia, to appoint Mr. Brent Carter as the City of Metter City Attorney. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Appointing a Tree Board Member

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution reappointing Ms. Lucille Adams to the City of Metter Tree Board for a term of three (3) years expiring on November 14, 2024. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Rashida Taylor joined the meeting at this time (5:39 p.m.).

Bid Approval for Equipment Shelter

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a recommendation by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix to award the public works equipment shelter bid to Riley Contracting, Inc. for the negotiated bid amount of **\$101,750.00**. There were five (5) bids received for the public works equipment shelter project on December 9, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Riley Contracting Inc. was low bidder for the project. Even with Riley Contracting, Inc. being the low bidder, the project was out of budget. Based on Georgia Construction Law, Mr. Hendrix negotiated the price with Riley Contracting, Inc. to get it within budget. Items removed from the project were: 1) payment and performance bonds, 2) special testing, 3) rear gutters and downspouts, 4) 6' Concrete slab underneath the building and 5) the 27,500 square feet of crush-n-run. Mr. Hendrix is recommending awarding this project to Riley Contracting, Inc. for the negotiated bid amount of **\$101,750.00**. After no further discussion, Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Emergency Quote Approval for Storm Drainpipe

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an emergency quote for the replacement of a 48-inch storm drainpipe under Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. at Caney Branch from Tyson Utilities in the amount of **\$127,176.34**. Mr. Hendrix explained that it came to his attention that we are having erosion of the shoulder of the roadway on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd at Caney Branch crossing. He met with the engineers to establish what was causing the problem. There is a 4' x 6' concrete box culvert that was put under the roadway over 20 years ago that was apparently put at too high of an elevation to properly handle the drainage. At some point a 48" galvanized pipe was installed at a lower elevation for drainage under the roadway and the box culvert handles what the 48" pipe cannot. The galvanized pipe has rusted out on the bottom and sides, thus allowing dirt to silt into the pipe causing the erosion.

The engineer recommends the most cost-effective means is that the galvanized pipe be replaced with concrete pipe with a header wall on the upstream side, building back up the shoulder of the roadway and adding guardrail along this area for safety. They recommend that City Council approve this under an emergency situation before we start getting a lot of rainfall, which will escalate the erosion and possible washing out of the roadway. It is our recommendation to award this to Tyson Utilities. After no further discussion, Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The departmental reports are in the agenda packet for council's review.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Crawford was not present at the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd reported the following:

1. Mayor Boyd welcomed the newest member of council, Gregg Stewart. Councilman Stewart said he is glad to be a part of council and looks forward to helping fill in the blanks.
2. The GMA Cities Summit will be held in Atlanta on January 21, 2022 – January 24, 2022.
3. The Chamber banquet is scheduled for January 27, 2022.
4. The city/county dinner is scheduled for February 3, 2022, at the Herford House, 6:00 p.m.
5. City Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The location will be determined later.
6. The next regular city council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
7. DDA/Mainstreet will hold a planning session soon.
8. There was an IDA retreat last week. It was agreed that the main effort would be to concentrate on small industries and businesses and to build a building.
9. City staff is working on our housing issue. This will be a topic at the retreat. The city is still a member of GICH, so we have those resources.
10. Mayor Boyd said he appreciates what all the departments are doing, and he is looking forward to all the upcoming events.

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ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk