

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, February 14, 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
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman James McKie
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilman Gregg Stewart – arrived late to the meeting
City Manager Carter Crawford
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
Finance Manager Cindy Collins
Fire Chief Jason Douglas

There were no guests present.

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 as presented. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, January 10, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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- b) City/County Dinner, Thursday, February 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Approval – Low Country Machinery

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve a recommendation by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix to approve the bid from Low Country Machinery for a new JCB 3CX-15 Super Backhoe, which is in stock, in the amount of **\$59,375.00** for the streets and lanes department. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bid Approval – EMC Engineering, Inc.

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the low bid in the amount of **\$22,500.00** from EMC Engineering, Inc. for planning, site engineering and construction phase services for the Metter Fire Station Construction Project. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Vehicles Declared Surplus

Councilman McKie made a motion to declare the following vehicles as surplus:

1. A 2007 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck, VIN No. 1GCEC1409Z641067, assigned to the street and lanes department.
2. A 1986 Chevrolet 3500 military service truck VIN No. 1GDH34J6GF420286, assigned to the shop.

Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This equipment will be advertised on GovDeals.

Alcohol License Application – 120 Bar and Lounge

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve or deny an application for retail alcoholic beverage license for on-premises consumption of beer and wine and pouring license for on-premises consumption of distilled spirits by the drink applied for by Yachi

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Lanier, 120 Bar and Lounge located at 223 NE Broad Street contingent upon meeting all requirements of the Metter Municipal Code Chapter 5.08 Alcoholic Beverages. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion.

Council had concerns if 120 Bar and Lounge could meet the 51% food sales since there are no plans for a commercial kitchen. Mr. Hendrix stated that they do have a regular stove and a couple of counter-top fryers. Council also had concerns about the capacity load.

After these concerns were brought to light, Councilwoman Kilcrease rescinded her original motion and amended it to table this agenda item and to move forward with a decision once the following information has been provided and reviewed:

1. In writing, a business plan or menu showing the capabilities of selling 51% food items.
2. Something showing the capacity.

Councilman Sikes rescinded his original second and amended his second to Councilwoman Kilcrease's motion. The vote was unanimous to table this issue until further information can be obtained.

Councilman Stewart arrived at the meeting at this time.

City to Pay 40% of Cost to Update Comprehensive Plan

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve paying 40% of the cost of updating the Candler County/City of Metter/Town of Pulaski Comprehensive Plan to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

FY 2023 Fire Budget Committee

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion appointing Councilman Brandon Sikes to serve on the FY 2023 Fire Budget Committee along with City Manager Carter Crawford and Fire Chief Jason Douglas. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Crawford commented that he thought the council retreat held on Saturday was excellent. He commended City Clerk Angie Conner and Director of Tourism/Business

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Development Heidi Jeffers for the logistics. Mayor and council agreed that they would like to hold an annual retreat and quarterly workshops.

Mr. Crawford informed council that the FY 2023 budget process will begin at the end of this month. We will have it ready to begin council reviews by April. Mr. Crawford also reported that the city is operating in the black.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd commented that the council retreat was fabulous. He agreed that quarterly workshops are needed since we have money coming our way.

H said that we need to pay attention to citizens' concerns as we go through the process of updating the comprehensive plan.

Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix passed out a map showing the detour that will be in place during the pipe replacement on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk