

**CITY OF METTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, May 9, 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  
City Manager Carter Crawford  
City Attorney Brent Carter  
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix  
Police Chief Robert Shore  
City Clerk Angie Conner  
Fire Chief Jason Douglas  
Jerri Goodman – Metter Advertiser

Guests included the following:

Bryan Aasheim – Candler County Administrator  
Glyn Thrift – Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Candler County

**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 moving the executive session to Item A. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Regular Meeting, May 9, 2022

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, April 11, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. William T. Dekle was listed on the agenda to make a presentation regarding underage children. He was not present at the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Executive Session**

Councilman Sikes made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate and potential litigation. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Presentation of Plaque – Paul MacGregor**

Former Councilmember Paul MacGregor was presented with a plaque recognizing his 17 years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Metter (2004 – 2021).

#### **Violation and Cease and Desist Order – Gary Lescak, Lescak Enterprises, Inc.**

Councilman McKie made a motion to table the motion to approve or deny the appeal made by Gary Lescak, Lescak Enterprises, Inc. at 18 SE Broad Street, Metter, Georgia requesting to rescind the notice of violation and cease and desist order from the City Attorney dated March 9, 2022. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This item will be revisited at a later date.

#### **Outdoor Burning Ordinance Amendment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the City of Metter's Outdoor Burning Ordinance to expand the ordinance in the best interest of the public. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This was the second reading of the amendment.

**Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution recognizing Juneteenth as a paid holiday for the City of Metter. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**GMA Lease**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the proposed lease supplement between the City of Metter and the Georgia Municipal Association for financing (1) Ford F-350 (Water Department) and (1) Ford F250 (Streets and Lanes Department) in the amount of \$79,120.04 with a 3.08% interest rate. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Request to Temporarily Close North Rountree Street**

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a request from Metter Chiropractic Center, Inc. to close North Rountree Street from South Broad Street to North Broad Street on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a kids' day event in the park. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement**

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Intergovernmental Rental Agreement between the City of Metter and Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Written reports were placed in the agenda packets for council to review.

**CITY MANGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Crawford gave an update on the Jaycee Park Project. The architect is in the design stages with the restrooms and the shelter. We are setting up a meeting with the splash pad company's contractor and should meet within the next two weeks. We received quotes for the exercise equipment. We have a cost on the picnic tables and the benches. No one has come forward for the appeal in the paper for donations. We do have about \$5,000 in donations already, but no new donations.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Boyd reported on the following:

1. Thanked council and staff for participating in the GMA Small Cities Conference in Dublin, Georgia. He was proud of the Georgia Grown presentation highlighting the City of Metter's efforts with Georgia Grown branding and what our city has been able to accomplish through the efforts of Heidi Jeffers, Carter Crawford and others. Thanked the council for supporting economic development. They are getting statewide recognition. We have some heavy hitters stepping forward to work with the Green Toad folks. He visited Metter as a potential partner with the Green Toad. He has 8 Grammys to his name. Green Toad is looking to taking their company to the next level with their hemp production and product line.
2. We are preparing information on the local option sales tax to present to the Candler County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Thrift commented that the reason they are present at the meeting is to find out how much money the county will need to budget for animal control and to also find out why the animal control budget has increased more then the percentage in the agreement. Mayor Boyd said that Mr. Crawford will be visiting the county to explain. He thanked Chairman Thrift and Mr. Aasheim for being present at the meeting.
3. He told Mr. Aasheim how much we appreciated him and his wife for their community support.
4. Mayor Boyd informed council that we hired a new police officer this month.
5. Pernal Franklin has rented the Version building for a clothing store.
6. Our downtown is really thriving compared to some of our neighboring cities.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk