

**CITY OF METTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, April 11, 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  
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix  
Police Chief Robert Shore  
City Clerk Angie Conner  
Fire Chief Jason Douglas  
Jerri Goodman – Metter Advertiser

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**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

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a) Regular Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Outdoor Burning Ordinance Amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

An amendment to the City of Metter Outdoor Burning Ordinance was presented to council for the first reading.

#### **Resolution Appointing Ms. Jan Trapnell to the Metter Tree Board**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to appoint Ms. Jan Trapnell to the Metter Tree Board for a three-year term ending November 14, 2023. This will be to replace Ms. Sarita Manuel, whose seat has been vacant since November of 2020. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Approval of New City Hall Sign**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the purchase of a new City Hall sign from Action Signs for a cost of \$2,000.00. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The sign is approximately 554'x5' 1.5' HDU routed sign. This cost includes installation.

#### **Resolution Updating City of Metter Travel Policy**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve a resolution updating the City of Metter Travel Policy. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The travel policy details allowable and unallowable expenses, accountability procedures, and distinguishes costs allowed for non-urbanized and metropolitan/resort areas. After carefully reviewing the proposal, Mayor and City Council of the City of Metter wish to amend the per diem costs for meals in metropolitan/resort areas to address inflationary cost. The City will reimburse the traveler for daily meal expenses incurred while traveling at the current federal GSA per diem rate.

**Jaycee Park Improvement Project – Splash Pad**

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the Jaycee Park Improvement Project at an estimated cost of \$242,500.00 with funding from ARPA and donations.

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

The Metter Mayor and City Council have recognized the need for additional recreation opportunities for the City’s children, youth, and adults. To start fulfilling this need, the Mayor and Council has instructed members of the City’s staff to develop the Jaycee Park Improvement Project which will consist of installing a splash pad and adult outdoor exercise equipment, refurbish the basketball court, and construct restrooms/shelter.

**Approval of Metter City Council District Map**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the Metter City Council District Map created by the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office which includes no changes (current map). Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

According to the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office, based on an ideal value of 801 people per councilmember, the current map has an overall deviation of 0.48%. That deviation is within the range that the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office would generally consider acceptable and leaves it to the city to choose whether or not to make any changes to the current map.

**Public Hearing – Appeal – Gary Lescak – 18 SE Broad Street**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to set a public hearing for May 9, 2022, 5:00 p.m. at the Metter Police Department to consider an appeal submitted by Mr. Gary Lescak, Lescak Enterprises, Inc., 18 SE Broad Street, Metter, Georgia. Councilwoman Taylor 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 reported that he would like to schedule budget meetings for April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will cover Governing Body, Administration, and Public Works. At the Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, we will cover Public Safety, Economic Development, and Non-Departmental. It is also required to hold a public hearing one week prior to adoption. Mr. Crawford said he would like to have the budget adopted at the June council meeting. All budget work sessions will be held at the city hall council chambers. The sessions will start at 5:30 p.m.

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At the City Council Retreat we discussed two programs: 1) DCA PlanFirst Program, and 2) GMA Equity & Inclusion Program. He informed council that he plans to contact the Regional Commission for their assistance in applying for the DCA PlanFirst Program for May of next year.

Mr. Crawford said with the GMA Equity & Inclusion Program there are seven items to evaluate. Once those items have been evaluated then we can move forward by developing policies. We will begin to explore this program and move forward. It will take a year or so to complete.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Boyd reported on the following:

1. Thanked HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield, City Clerk Angie Conner, Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix, Candler County, and other city employees who helped with the Great American Cleanup.
2. Announced that Gary Black, Commissioner, GA Department of Agriculture will be here tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at the incubator. We will be showing off what he has allowed to happen with the incubator. Without him none of this would have happened.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Comprehensive Plan meeting will be held tomorrow at the GGIC building at 4:00 p.m.
4. Thursday night the District 9 Listening Session will be held in Screven, Georgia.
5. He said he hopes to see everyone out Easter weekend to greet people at the festival.
6. He reported that the City's ISO rating is moving to a Class 3. He congratulated Fire Chief Jason Douglas and his staff.
7. He is looking forward to GMA Convention in Savannah in June.
8. Citizen complaint on nuisance property at 340 S. Kennedy Street. Mr. Hendrix has already given them a 10-day notice to get the nuisance abated.

Councilman Sikes reported that the Fire Department Budget meeting with the county went very well. The county was positive with what we are doing at the fire department.

Mayor Boyd informed the council that it is time to begin the LOST negotiations with the county. At the present time the county receives 49%, City 49%, and Pulaski 2%. The county is asking for 60% with Metter and Pulaski to split 40%.

Mayor Boyd announced that at the end of this budget year the animal shelter agreement with the county used to offset the recreation department costs will come to an end. Starting with the new fiscal year the county will be obligated to pay 60% of the animal budget. We will soon be giving them written notice regarding this issue. The annual budget for the animal control is \$150,000.00.

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Mayor Boyd said that we have some challenges ahead of us and we will just have to see how it all goes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk