

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, June 13, 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
Councilman James McKie
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilman Gregg Stewart
City Manager Carter Crawford
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
Finance Manager Cindy Collins
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
Jerri Goodman – Metter Advertiser

City Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease was not present for this meeting.

Guests included the following:

Wendell Summerlin
Rick Burgess

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 McKie gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, May 9, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
- b) Public Hearing, Monday, May 9, 2022, 5:15 p.m.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Wendell Summerlin

Mr. Wendell Summerlin was present at the meeting regarding Memory Lane Park. He gave a presentation which included asking council for support on the following:

- 1. Creating a Memory Lane Park on city property near the police department.
- 2. A room inside the police department to use as a museum for school memorabilia.

Mayor Boyd informed Mr. Summerlin that Archway drew up plans for a park to be located on the old school property which is now city property. He said he would like for Mr. Summerlin to get with the Downtown Development Authority and work together to develop this property. Mayor Boyd said he would also love to see a museum.

City Manager Carter Crawford told Mr. Summerlin that the city would be in touch with him to explore this further.

Danny Cardell

Danny Cardell was listed on the agenda to discuss the city's golf cart ordinance. He was not present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Reappointing Suzanne Tyson to the Library Board

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a Resolution reappointing Suzanne Tyson to the Candler County Library Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Adopting the FY 2023 City of Metter Budgets

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for each fund of the City of Metter, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual fund available. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Amendment to Dog Ordinance (First Reading)

The first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Metter’s Dog Ordinance to expand ordinance in the best interest of the public was presented to mayor and council.

Metter Community Center Deposit Raised

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve raising the deposit for the rental of the Metter Community Center facility from \$100.00 to \$300.00. Councilman McKie 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 on the following:

1. The need to develop a Community Impact Plan. To work with GSU to provide an impact study. There will be a stakeholder meeting at the end of July.
2. The need to hire a permanent city planner to mainly handle the housing issues. This position can be funded through the Housing Rehab Program.
3. Scheduling a visit to Fitzgerald to get some ideas from them since they are a model city.
4. Architects are working on the designs for the bathroom and shelter at the splash pad. They are scheduled to start construction in September. Hope to have it open by May 2023. Mr. Carter said that it has been suggested to hold a city picnic for the city employees and their families to open it up.
5. The city had a very good audit for FY 2021. We had a healthy fund balance with a 28% increase over FY 2020. The water/sewer fund had an unrestricted fund balance of 1.1 million. The Sanitation Fund had an unrestricted fund balance of \$324,122. There were two minor findings which have been corrected. Overall, the city had a very good audit.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Boyd reported on the following:

1. Last Monday was designated as Tiger Baseball Day by proclamation honoring the Metter High School baseball team for winning the state championship. Also, the Recreation Department ages 8, 10 and 12 participated in state playoffs.
2. The Food Truck Festival will be this Saturday. City Council approved to allow the chamber to sell alcohol in the park.
3. Candler County has agreed to pay \$76,377.42 towards the FY 2023 animal control budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to go into executive session regarding potential litigation. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

After the discussion was complete, Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to close executive session and reopen the regular meeting. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

No votes resulted from the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilman Sikes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk