

**CITY OF METTER
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

A public hearing was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

Attending the hearing were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Brandon Sikes
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Economic Development Director Heidi Jeffers
Finance Manager Cindy Collins

Guests included the following:

Jessica Rhodes – Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce
Jason Grimes – Chamber of Commerce
Erica Allen – Chamber of Commerce
Richard Deal – City Auditor

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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the hearing to order and welcomed everyone.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the hearing was to allow public input on the proposed FY 2023 City of Metter budget.

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Carter Crawford presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Assumptions.

Any budget by definition is a planning document and not every issue will have been determined prior to its preparation and adoption. Therefore, it is necessary to make assumptions and base the budget plan on them. Then, if any circumstance changes, we will know whether it meets the assumptions or not, thereby requiring budget review to determine if any adjustments are needed.

2023 Budget Assumptions are as follows:

1. Ad valorem tax millage rate will not increase, but due to the County tax assessor's office recent tax reassessment, City ad valorem taxes will increase.
2. No increase in water/sewer rates.
3. No sanitation rate increase.
4. SPLOST revenues are scheduled to end.
5. LOST revenues will be reduced due the required LOST negotiations between the City and the County.
6. \$96,551.00 of SPLOST funds will be used retiring capital debt.
7. \$75,000.00 will be budgeted for LMIG street improvements.
8. \$450,000.00 will be transferred to the general fund from City reserve funds.
9. All proprietary funds will be self-supporting.
10. The total number of employees will not increase.
11. City employees will receive a 2.5% merit increase and qualified employees will receive a one-time lump sum 3% inflation adjustment.
12. Employee health insurance will increase by 5%.
13. Employee retirement will be 6% of salary.
14. The City will contract housing of City prisoners and ad valorem tax collection with Candler County and the County will contract with the City for fire and animal control. County will pay 50% of cost for fire and 60% of costs for animal control.
15. The City will closely follow its adopted financial policies.
16. The City's fiscal year 2023 Budget will be adopted and accounted for using generally accepted accounting practices.
17. The City's fiscal year 2023 Budget is balanced as required by U.S. Federal law.

Budgets are balanced as follows:

General Fund	\$4,650,565.00
Hotel Motel Tax	\$ 96,700.00
Sanitation	\$ 606,100.00
Water & Sewer Revenue	\$3,956,153.00

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Boyd called for any comments or questions from council or the public. After hearing none, Mayor Boyd closed the hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk