

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

A called meeting was held on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

Attending the called meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilman James McKie
Councilman Gregg Stewart
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Jerri Goodman – Metter Advertiser

Guests attending were as follows:

Brad Jones – Candler County Board of Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGINACE

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 McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the joint proposal for LOST distributions that has been negotiated by both the City and Candler County.

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Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Agreement

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the joint proposal for LOST distributions that has been negotiated by both the City and Candler County which includes a change to 43% (Metter), 2% (Town of Pulaski), and 55% (Candler County) with 1.5 % change per year to be implemented beginning January 1, 2023. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion.

Councilman Sikes asked for some clarification. He said that he missed the last meeting but the meeting he attended before that the negotiation proposal was different than the one being presented now. He said he is okay with the proposal but would have liked to see it a little closer. Councilman McKie said that the city was down 3% and the county down 5% from the original numbers and he thought this was fair.

Mayor Boyd commented that the negotiating team did a good job and came up with a winning strategy. He said it is a step down, but we can absorb a little over time. He said this could have been devastating. He thanked the negotiating team for their hard work. He said that he does not disagree with the county getting more but he also agrees with Councilman Sikes, that he would have liked to see it be a little closer. This agreement will last for 10 years.

After the discussion was complete, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was 5 in favor of the motion, and none opposed. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jones said that he was glad to see that we can all agree. We are all here together as a whole. He thanked council for coming to an agreement. He also applauded the two newest members of city council and the county commission for agreeing to serve as the negotiating team and for their work on the agreement. He also thanked Mayor Boyd for letting him speak.

Commissioner Jones also said that he appreciates the fire agreement between the city and county. He also appreciates Chief Douglas attending the commission meetings. Commissioner Jones announced to council that the commissioners have voted to move forward with the purchase of a tanker.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk