

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Gregg Stewart
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilman James McKie
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
City Attorney Brent Carter
Police Chief Robert Shore
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

GUESTS

Paul Collins – Assured Partners
Landon Moore – Yancy Bros.
Anthony Balladares
Brenda Balladares

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.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda adding Paul Collins under Presentations. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, October 10, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
- b) Called Meeting, Thursday, October 24, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Paul Collins with Assured Partners gave a presentation on employee group health insurance. He is recommending that the city change from the GMA plan to ParetoHealth beginning January 1, 2023. Mr. Collins informed council that he moved Candler County to this plan last year. ParetoHealth is the largest employee benefits captive manager in the country. This plan is partially self-funded. Mr. Collins said that GMA is looking at a 15% increase, so ParetoHealth is the best plan to move the city forward. There are no pre-existing conditions. Mayor Boyd thanked Mr. Collins for his presentation and said the city would take his recommendation under advisement.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to go into executive session for attorney client privilege to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to potential litigation. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

After the executive session was complete, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to open the meeting. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Ordinance Amendment – Alcohol Beverage

The following amendment to the City of Metter Alcohol Beverage Ordinance was presented as a second reading:

City of Metter’s Alcohol Beverage Ordinance Section 1, “**5.08.030 Violations – Civil and Criminal Penalties**”, **D. Duty of municipal court clerk; duty of city clerk** and Section 2, “**5.08.160 Application Process**”.

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending the City of Metter’s Alcohol Beverage Ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Ordinance Annexing Property

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance annexing 9.631 acres of property owned by the Metter/Candler Airport Authority into the corporate limits of the City of Metter effective the 13th day of December 2022. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Zoning of 9.631 Acres to HOC

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve an application to zone the 9.631 acres (Map and Parcel No. 028-008-002) owned by the Metter/Candler Airport Authority and being annexed by the City of Metter, to HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial). Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Conditional Use Permit

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an application for a conditional use of the Metter Zoning Ordinance to allow for a landscape plant nursery at 811 Elmer Street as requested by Mr. Grady Lanier. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Set Public Hearing Date

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to set a public hearing for Monday, December 12, 2022, 5:15 p.m. to consider an application for a variance of the Metter Zoning Ordinance submitted by Mike Collins for property located at 140 Oaktree Road. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Construction Bid for Restroom Pavilion - Splash Pad Project

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to award the bid for the construction of a restroom pavilion as part of the splash pad project at the Jaycee Park to Arentz General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of **\$120,450.00** as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Bid for a New Backhoe

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to award the bid for a new backhoe for the water department to Low Country Machine in the amount of **\$109,619.00** to include the trade-in of the 1990 Caterpillar 416 backhoe as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Bid to Video Sewer Lines

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the bid for the videoing of sewer lines that are part of the GEFA Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Y-Delta in the amount of **\$62,621.00** as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Bid for Repairs to the Deck at the Depot

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to award the bid for the depot deck repairs to Tippins-Polk Construction in the amount of **\$29,200.00** as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approval of Administrative Clerk Position for Metter Police Department

Councilman McKie made a motion to add an administrative clerk position for the Metter Police Department to the City of Metter authorized personnel. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Waiving of Adoption Fees

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve waiving adoption fees for the Metter Animal Shelter until the end of 2022 to promote more adoptions. 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 MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Crawford reported on the following:

1. The City Employee Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022.
2. We have been advertising for a city planner. We have received no applications. Mr. Crawford said that he would be bringing another proposal to city council next meeting. He said he would like to work with the City of Metter for two more

years and bring in an assistant city manager to handle planning and allow time for training to see how they will fit. This way we will be able to groom a city manager. We will need to advertise when we get ready to hire a city manager. The proposed average starting pay is **\$62,000.00**. Mr. Crawford said he would have a plan to present to council at the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd reported the following:

1. Mayor Boyd, Councilwoman Rashida Taylor, and Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease attended the GMA District 9 Fall Meeting in Vidalia.
2. There is a lot going on due to the new auto plant coming to Bryon County. We are working with the IDA, DDA and the Chamber.
3. Housing is very critical going forward.
4. The requests for airport and RV park are ongoing.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Boyd allowed guest Anthony Balladares to tap the gavel to close the meeting.

Angie Conner, City Clerk