

**CITY OF METTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, December 12, 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  
Police Chief Robert Shore  
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix  
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

**GUESTS**

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Collins  
William Collins  
Glen Williamson  
Todd Wiggins & son Jaxson Wiggins

**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.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Public Hearing, Zoning, Monday, November 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
- b) Public Hearing, Conditional Use, Monday, November 14, 2022, 5:15 p.m.
- c) Regular Meeting, Monday, November 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
- d) Called Meeting, Monday, November 28, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ordinance Annexing Property**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Application for Variance**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve an application for a variance of the Metter Zoning Ordinance submitted by Mike Collins for property located at 140 Oaktree Road. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Request from Metter Tree Board**

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a request from the Metter Tree Board to plant a live oak tree in the William “Billy” Trapnell Park in memory of Carvy Snell. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **GMA Lease Agreement**

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve a lease supplement between the City of Metter and the Georgia Municipal Association in the amount of \$109,619.00 for the

purchase of a JCB backhoe and to authorize Mayor Boyd to execute the necessary documents. 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. In January, we will start the process to get certified through the DCA Plan First Program.
2. We are in the process of applying for a 3.5-million-dollar loan through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the construction of the new fire department. This will be for the long-term loan. We will need a construction loan through a local bank. We will pay this off with the money from the USDA loan.
3. City finances are good.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Boyd reported the following:

1. The Lighting of Metter went well. It was well attended. Mayor Boyd complimented Mr. Crawford on the new Christmas Tree. He also thanked the city workers and others who helped make it all happen.
2. Mayor Boyd informed council that Glennell Eason will be retiring in January. She is a key worker, who will be hard to replace. She has also recently had knee surgery.
3. Mayor Boyd thanked the staff for putting together the City Christmas Dinner. The food and venue were great.
4. The Industrial Authority is busy looking at several projects.
5. Incubator is also busy with about 50 clients, and some are getting ready to graduate out. We have brought in a consultant to help with marketing products. She is the owner of the third largest firm that markets agricultural products. Georgia Tech has also come onboard.

They are also working with a mushroom producer who will be making blocks for other mushroom growers. They have bought 25 acres in the Industrial Park. We are presently trying to work out the water and sewer issues. It is a 21-million-dollar project and will employ 30 people. This will be good paying jobs.

The Welcome Center is having record sales.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk