

**CITY OF METTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, March 13, 2023, 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 James D. McKie  
City Manager Carter Crawford  
City Clerk Angie Conner  
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix  
Police Chief Robert Shore  
HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield  
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

Councilman Brandon Sikes was not present at this meeting.

**GUESTS**

Robbie Dollar – Candler County Board of Education  
Stewart Bowen – Bowen Technologies  
Vance Bowen – Bowen Technologies

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Councilwoman Kilcrease gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda adding Item H and I. Councilman McKie 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) Regular Meeting, Monday, February 13, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Robbie Dollar representing the Candler County Board of Education gave a presentation requesting street closures (Rountree Street from Hwy 46 E. to Vertia Street; Vertia Street from S. Rountree Street to S. College Street; and S. College Street from Vertia Street to Pine Street) on April 7, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the “Another Boomin Run” involving an obstacle course of inflatables and other fun activities.

Mr. Dollar explained that this year they are changing up the “Another Bloomin Run” activity. This time instead of a run, it will be a stroll or walk with challenges along the way. There will be inflatables and obstacles. At each station there will be information on disabilities such as autism. This is a great fundraiser. The route will begin on S. Rountree Street at City Hall, turn on Vertia Street, down to S. College St. at the Candler County Board of Education then turn around and come back to the beginning. The stroll will begin at 6:00 p.m. It should take about an hour to complete. Chief Shore and Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix stated that they are clear on the logistics.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Street Closures for “Another Bloomin Run”**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the request from the Candler County Board of Education to close S. Rountree Street from Hwy 46 to Vertia Street; Vertia Street from S. Rountree St. to S. College St.; and S. College Street from Hwy 46 to Pine Street (all streets necessary for the event) on April 7, 2023 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the Another Bloomin Fun Run” involving an obstacle course of inflatables and other fun activities. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Updated Contract Item Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Metter**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an Updated Contract Item Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Metter (PI No. M006418 – S. Leroy Street/Hwy. 129) for adjustment of water and sewer facilities with a

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cost to the City of Metter of \$28,103.24. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Bid Approval – Woody Folsom/Douglas, GA**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the low bid from Woody Folsom/Douglas, Georgia in the amount of \$49,922.00 for a 2023 Dodge 1500 Crew Cab to be used by the Metter Police Department as recommended by Police Chief Robert Shore and H/R-Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Bid Approval – AmChar Wholesale Inc.**

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the low bid from AmChar Wholesale Inc. in the amount of \$15,454.35 for the purchase of 15 Glock Model 45, Gen 5 Pistols (9mm) to replace the Glock Model 22 Pistols (.40 Cal) to be used by the Metter Police Department as recommended by Police Captain McKinley Lewis and H/R Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The bid included the 15 pistols equipped with a Holosun red dot sight, an attached flashlight, and appropriate holster.

**Quote Approval – Bowen Technologies**

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve a quote from Bowen Technologies in the amount of \$39,517.34 for IT infrastructure upgrades, and \$4,675.00 for a monthly maintenance and monitoring agreement as recommended by Police Chief Robert Shore and H/R Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Resolution – Georgia Cities Week**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adopt a resolution recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 23 – 29, 2023, and encouraging all residents to support the celebration and corresponding activities. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Job Description City Building Construction/Inspection Coordinator**

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve a job description for a City Building Construction/Inspection Coordinator with a starting salary between \$41,579.11 to \$45,737.06 depending on experience. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. City Manager Crawford said that this position will be in charge of building inspections and code enforcement. The salary range is applicable. This employee will be the go to person for contractors and he/she will also be responsible for coordinating housing.

**Resolution Adopting City of Metter, Georgia Economic Development Incentive Program**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a resolution adopting the City of Metter, Georgia Economic Development Incentive Program for the retention and recruitment of qualifying businesses in order to promote economic growth, development, and job-creation within the City of Metter. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. City Manager Crawford explained that the present resolution has expired, and this will continue it for another three years.

**Internship with Georgia Southern University Student**

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to fund an internship for a Georgia Southern master's in public administration (MPA) student to develop a housing rehab, and development program for the City, to include surveying the City to determine demolition and housing redevelopment locations. Costs up to \$6,500.00 with funds coming from current proposed City Planner salary. 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 informed council that the City of Pulaski gave money from their SPLOST funds to cover the costs of the Fire Department Capital Outlay that was presented at the pre-budget workshop.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Boyd reported that City Manager Carter Crawford attended the City/County Manager's Conference in Athens. He has been going for so long that he is like a dinosaur up there. Mayor Boyd said that he appreciates what Carter does. He said he also appreciates city council.

Mayor Boyd commented that we need to be looking at options for our community center. It needs repairs.

Mayor Boyd stated that he would like for the architect that designed the new fire station to give the city other options for the exterior of the building. He would like to meet with the architects to explore different exterior facades.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk