

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

A called meeting was held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

Attending the called meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
City Manager Carter Crawford
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
City Clerk Angie Conner
Chief of Police Robert Shore
Fire Chief Jason Douglas

Councilman James McKie and Councilman Gregg Stewart were not present at this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Kilcrease led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Kilcrease 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.

PURPOSE

- a) Consideration of a motion to authorize the city attorney to work with the Candler County Board of Education on a lease agreement.
- b) Juneteenth Celebration Discussion.

Lease Agreement with Candler County Board of Education

Mayor Boyd announced that tonight we need an approval to draw up a lease with the Candler County Board of Education to lease and maintain a portion of the old middle school building. The city will maintain the roof and the board will manage the other expenses and upkeep such as heating, air and electrical. We are looking at charging them a \$1.00 fee per year for 25 years. After some discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to authorize the City Attorney Brent Carter to work with the Candler County Board of Education and the Board Attorney Mark Bruce on a lease agreement. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Juneteenth Celebration Discussion

Councilwoman Taylor informed mayor and council that she is collaborating with a few other people to organize a Juneteenth celebration to be held in the downtown parks on Saturday, June 17, 2023. She said that she had met with Heidi Jeffers to get an outline of how the Lighting of Metter is organized. Councilwoman Taylor said that they are looking at putting the arts and crafts vendors in the Billy Trapnell Park and food in the central park along with motorcycles and old cars. She said that she has checked on port-a-potties. Councilwoman Taylor said she would be sponsoring this through her company which is a 501-C-3. The celebration will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Churches and civic groups will be participating in the event. All necessary applications have been filed with City Hall. She also said that she had checked on liability insurance for the event. Councilwoman Taylor stated that she would like permission to use of some city property such as the stage and picnic tables. She said that she would also like permission to close North Rountree Street from South Broad Street to North Broad Street during the event. Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix spoke up to say that city staff can approve the event application, but city council would need to approve the use of city stage and picnic tables. They would also need to approve the road closure. Being supportive of the event, the council members present, along with Mayor Boyd, agreed to list this request on the June regular meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk