

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of city council was held on Monday, May 8, 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 Brandon Sikes
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
Director of Economic Development/Tourism Heidi Jeffers
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

Councilman James McKie was not present at this meeting.

GUESTS

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Wells
Ms. Thelma Byrd and family members

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

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, April 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

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

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing Conditional Use 976 S.E. Broad Street

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to set a public hearing at Metter City Hall located at 49 S. Rountree Street on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in accordance with zoning and public hearing procedures of the City of Metter, the State of Georgia and the City of Metter Zoning Ordinance, to consider an application request by Anthony and Tamara Wells Investment for a Conditional Use Request for the property located at 976 S.E. Broad Street as a small business for a Retail Liquor Store. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Promoting Civility

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to pass a resolution pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Metter. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Advertise for City Planning Director

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve readvertising for a City Planning Director at a starting salary of \$58,491.37 to \$61,452.50. Councilman Sikes 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. 2023 City Budget fund balances as of March 2023:

General Fund Balance	+\$562,685.00
Sanitation Fund Balance	+\$74,854.00
Water/Sewer Fund Balance	+\$307,014.00
Hotel/Motel Fund Balance	+5,954.00
2. 2024 proposed budget workshops will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023, and Monday, May 22, 2023. The FY 24 budget is balanced.
3. A planning retreat needs to be scheduled this summer for the Mayor, Council, and staff to review the GSU Growth Management Study for Metter and develop a city action plan to address further economic and residential growth.
4. Attended a SPLOST meeting with the Candler County Board of Commissioners and City of Pulaski. The county came up with a fair agreement. They are moving the jail to a Tier 2 project and taking only 20%. The final breakdown is 61% county 37% Metter and 2% Pulaski.

MAYOR’S REPORT

1. Congratulated Councilwoman Rashida Taylor for achieving her Bachelor of Science Human Development & Family Science Degree from Georgia Southern University. Councilwoman Taylor has invited everyone to attend the Commencement at Paulson Stadium on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. She also invited everyone to attend her Open House Graduation at the Depot on Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
2. Announced that the Kiwanians 100th year anniversary falls on Juneteenth so they will be moving the date and there will be a celebration at the depot.
3. We are getting geared up for the GMA Convention in June.
4. The old high school is being renovated by the Board of Education and RESA. It looks good.
5. The Growth Plan report presented by GSU last month is being revised.
6. The splash pad is about 50% complete.

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Mayor Boyd opened the floor for any visitors who wanted to talk. Ms. Thelma Byrd was present. She explained to the council that she has a trailer on her property that she is trying to get services to, and the city will not turn on the services. Mr. Hendrix explained that it is a nonconforming use. The trailer has not been occupied for the past 8 years. The city ordinance says that after a nonconforming use has not been used after one year then it has to meet the current zoning which does not allow two residents on one lot. Mr. Crawford informed Ms. Byrd that a letter was sent to her explaining the appeal process. She needs to complete the paperwork and turn it in to city hall to begin the process.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Angie Conner, City Clerk