

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the city council was held on Monday, July 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilman Gregg Stewart
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Finance Manager Cindy Collins
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
Director of Economic Development Heidi Jeffers
Jerri Goodman – Metter Advertiser

Councilman James D. McKie was not present at this meeting.

GUESTS

Mr. Blake Bloser – Lanier, Deal, Proctor & Bloser, CPA's

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, June 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
- b) Public Hearing, Monday, June 12, 2023, 5:15 p.m.

Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATIONS

Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Report

Mr. Blake Bloser with Lanier, Deal, Proctor & Bloser, CPA's, presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Report. The financial highlights are as follows:

- The City had total net position (assets exceeded liabilities) of \$29,395,483 on June 30, 2022.
- Total net position is comprised of the following:
 - (1) Net investment in capital assets of \$22,647,000 includes property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding debt related to the purchase or construction of capital asses.
 - (2) Net position of \$2,935,080 is restricted by constraints imposed from outside the City such as debt covenants, grantors, laws, or regulations.
 - (3) The unrestricted net position of \$3,813,003 represents the portion available to maintain the City's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The City's governmental funds reported total ending fund balance of \$4,965,409 compared to \$4,020,553 for the year ended June 30, 2021. This is a \$944,856 (or 23.5%) increase.
- On June 30, 2022, the unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,504,001, or 39.2% of total General Fund expenditures.

Mr. Bloser said that there are a lot of good numbers to report for FY 2022 and the positive fund balance has grown.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Modification to GEFA Loan

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to pass a resolution amending and modifying the \$1,130,000.00 loan agreement with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) dated October 26, 2021, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note and

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Loan Agreement between the City of Metter and GEFA and to authorize and designate Mayor Edwin O. Boyd to execute and deliver, and City Clerk Angie Conner to attest the Modification and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification. Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bid Approval Shockley Plumbing, Inc.

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the sole bid from Shockley Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$404,215.00 for the 2022 LMIG Project which consists of water and sewer improvements and resurfacing on Bulloch Street, S. College Street and Stripling Street as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix and Parker Engineering (Funding for this project was budgeted for LMIG, TIA, and R&R Water/Sewer.). Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bid Approval Sikes Brothers, Inc.

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the sole bid from Sikes Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$138,140.00 for the 2023 LMIG Project which consists of resurfacing E. Lillian Street from N. Lewis Street to MLK, Jr. Blvd, as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix and EMC Engineering (Funding for this project was budgeted for LMIG and TIA funds.). Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Closure of N. Rountree St. for Food Truck Festival

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a request from Metter Candler Chamber of Commerce to close N. Rountree St. from S. Broad St. to N. Broad St. for the annual Food Truck Festival scheduled for August 5, 2023. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Special Event Alcohol Permit – Food Truck Festival

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a request from Metter Candler Chamber of Commerce for a special event alcohol permit to allow alcohol in the downtown park during the Food Truck Festival scheduled for August 5, 2023. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Closure of N. Rountree St. for Kid's Day in the Park

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a request made by Michael Gasiiecki, Metter Chiropractic Center to close N. Rountree St. from S. Broad St. to N. Broad St. for Kid's Day activities to be held on August 26, 2023. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Free Adoptions for Month of August 2023

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to allow free adoptions at the Metter Animal Shelter for the month of August as requested by Chief Robert Shore. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Proposed Ordinance Amendment to Change the Stray Hold Policy

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to allow City Attorney Brent Carter to draw up an amendment to the Animal Ordinance to change the stray hold policy from 7 days to 5 days, which is in line with state requirements and affords the shelter more of an opportunity to move animals through the shelter. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Quote Approval – Wintergreen Corporation

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve a quote from Wintergreen Corporation in the amount of \$10,412.67 for extensions to the Christmas tree. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. City Manager Carter Crawford said that this will be adding an additional six more feet to the tree for a total of twenty-seven feet which includes the 6 ft. cross on top.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The agenda packets contained written reports provided by each department head for the mayor and council to review.

Chief Shore announced that the Back-to-school Bash is scheduled for July 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We have 450 book bags to give away.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Crawford reported on the following:

1. We have applied for a \$500,000.00 recreation grant for improvements to the walking trail at the Industrial Park.
2. We are eligible for a \$15,000.00 tree grant through the Forestry Commission.
3. Congratulations to the Administration on no findings in the FY 2022 Audit Report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Boyd reported on the following:

1. The GMA Convention was very good this year. There was a record turn-out, 2500 participants.
2. Kiwanis Club celebrated their 100-year anniversary.

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3. Senator Jon Ossoff and Mitch Landrieu, Senior Advisor to the President and Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator were here last week announcing 1.3 million dollars for broad band.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk