

**CITY OF METTER  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019  
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting/public hearing was held at City Hall on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 5:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd  
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson  
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease  
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor  
Councilman Brandon Sikes  
City Manager Mandi Cody  
Chief of Police Robert Shore  
Captain Kevin Wadley  
Fire Chief Jason Douglas  
Finance Manager Cindy Collins  
HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield  
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers  
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

Councilman Paul MacGregor was not present at this meeting.

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Daniel Shelley – Metter Fire Department  
Juwana Taylor – Metter Fire Department  
Dustin Rogers – Metter Fire Department  
Bryan Aasheim – Candler County Administrator  
Glen Thrift – Chairman, Candler County Board of Commissioners  
Seth Durden  
Wesley Lee

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilwoman Harrelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Councilman Sikes gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve the agenda removing and replacing Item (h) with consideration of a Motion to approve a Resolution to extend the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for each fund of the City of Metter, Georgia at the same average monthly spending level. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kilcrease to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting, Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Councilman Sikes, approved by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / PUBLIC HEARING**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to open the public hearing to consider the approval of Application RZ-1905 (046 008 001): Seth Durden request a zoning map amendment for 12.05 acres of property located at 44598 Highway 46 E. tax parcel 046 008 001, to allow for manufactured home. Councilman Brandon Sikes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Boyd called the hearing to order.

Seth Durden is asking for 12.05 acres of his property be rezoned from L1-Light Industrial to R-4 Multiple Unit Residential Zone to allow him to place a manufactured home on this property. He plans to live in the manufactured home.

Section 4.001 of the Metter Zoning Ordinance states that “no land or building shall hereinafter be used or constructed, unless in conformity with all of the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located. The subject site is currently zoned L1 – Light Industrial and is intended for limited manufacturing, warehouses, repair garages, and industrial parks. Applicant wishes to place a single manufactured home on the site. L1 zoning does not allow for residential use and there is no provision in the Metter Zoning Ordinance allowing for less intensive uses by right in higher intensity zones.

R4 is a Multiple Unit Residential Zone intended for medium density residential and multiple family units. Manufactured home parks, churches, day cares, and health care facilities are given as examples of intended use.

The 12.05 acres is part of the original Carl Daughtry farm located on Hwy 46 East. Part of this property has been given to Seth Durden, who is a grandchild of Carl Daughtry.

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This property was considered in the county until the 12.05 acres was broken out. That's when we found out that the 12.05 acres is actually in the city. He has an easement to access this property.

Mr. Wesley Lee was present at the meeting stating that he had a similar situation and was turned down by the city. Mr. Lee felt that he had been treated unfairly. Ms. Cody asked Ms. Edenfield to schedule a time on her calendar to meet with Mr. Lee concerning his situation.

After no more public comment, Mayor Boyd closed the hearing at 5:40 p.m.

**Application RZ-1905 (046 008 001)**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve Application RZ-1905 (046 008 001): Seth Durden request a zoning map amendment for 12.05 acres of property located at 44598 Highway 46 W. tax parcel 046 008 001, to allow for a manufactured home. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This zoning map amendment applies only to the 12.05 acres lying within the city limits of Metter, Georgia.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2019 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant in the total amount of \$4,000 for 5 bulletproof vests. This is a 50/50 match grant; \$2,000 grant and \$2,000 city match. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Resolution Declaring Surplus**

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve a Resolution declaring certain personal property of the City as surplus and authorizing its disposal:

1. A Kohler portable gas generator Serial No. 091562 that was assigned to the Water Department. This unit is old and needs some work. Not worth repairing.
2. A Superior smoke machine Serial No. S-1705 that is assigned to the Wastewater Department. This unit does not work.

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3. A Tsunami mud pump Serial No. D3-86058 that is assigned to the Water Department. This unit is old and needs some work. Not worth repairing.

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

#### **Bid Approval – Hawkins**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to award a bid for water chemicals to be used in the city's water treatment and distribution system to Hawkins for the time period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix and HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Bid Approval – Silvex Company, Inc.**

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to award a bid for sewer enzymes to be used in the treatment of wastewater before it is discharged onto the Land Application System (LAS) to Silvex Company, Inc. for a time period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix and HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Resolution Appointing Members to the Housing Authority**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to table the resolution appointing members to the Housing Authority until verified that they would like to continue serving and to place this on the agenda for the Called Meeting scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Resolution Appointing Resident Member Angela Mack to the Housing Authority**

This issue was tabled until the Called Meeting scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Council asked to verify that Ms. Mack would like to continue to serve as resident member of the Housing Authority.

#### **Metter Animal Shelter Foster Program**

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve the Grayson Trapnell Animal Services Committee Proposal for Metter Animal Shelter Foster Program. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### **Resolution Continuing FY 2019 Budgets**

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve a Resolution to extend the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for each fund of the City of Metter, Georgia at the same average

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monthly spending level. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **Police Department Report**

Chief Shore submitted a written report. He also informed council that the high-speed chase that ended in Metter was on PD Live.

### **Public Works Report**

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report. In Mr. Hendrix's absence, Mrs. Edenfield added the following:

1. Roof repairs will begin tomorrow at the Lillian St. facility if the rain holds off.
2. The fencing project at the Lillian St. facility will begin on Wednesday.
3. The mold demo project started today at the Lillian St. building.
4. The Georgia Department of Corrections will begin pressure washing and painting at the Terrell St. building on Monday.

### **Fire Department Report**

Chief Douglas submitted a written report and added the following:

1. Met with USDA today regarding the loan/grant program for the new fire truck.

### **Administration Report**

Mrs. Conner submitted a written report and was not present at the meeting.

### **Finance Report**

Mrs. Collins announced that the finance reports are in council boxes.

### **HR/Purchasing Report**

Mrs. Edenfield submitted a written report.

### **Department of Economic Development/Welcome Center**

Ms. Jeffers reported on the following:

1. The city partnered with the chamber for the BRAG event. There were over 1,000 bike riders.

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2. DDA/Main Street held a planning retreat in Statesboro. All went well. Dustin Vernon, who serves as chair of the committee, will be working with the Welcome Center on renovations.
3. There will be a podcast on June 17, 2019 featuring former Mayor Billy Trapnell and City Manager Mandi Cody.
4. Currently working to organize a Youth Ambassador Program for Georgia Grown. More details to come.
5. Billboards went up – one near Metter, one near Dublin and another will go up next month.
6. The Welcome Center is now taking credit card payments.
7. QuickBooks for the Welcome Center retail should be up and going next month.

### **City Manager's Report**

Ms. Cody announced the following:

1. A hiring freeze has been issued for 4 vacant positions which include a police officer, fire fighter, grounds keeper, and a water/sewer helper.
2. There will be a called meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at city hall to reappoint members to the Housing Authority Board. Immediately following this meeting Council will hold a FY 2020 budget work session.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Boyd reported on the following:

1. Mayor Boyd apologized to Mr. Wesley Lee for the way the city handled his situation and said he would fix it.
2. Mayor Boyd thanked Glen Thrift, Bryan Aasheim and Jason Grimes for attending the meeting.
3. Mayor Boyd announced that the city is making progress on moving to the Lillian Street campus. This is a good opportunity to clean up.
4. Mayor Boyd said he welcomed the Class of 1964 on Saturday morning at the Welcome Center. He explained to them of the improvements to the old Lillian Street School Building which is now owned by the city and houses the Police Department, Georgia Bureau of Investigations, and soon the Public Works Department. They were very pleased the improvements.
5. Mayor Boyd said that we have a challenge before us with the FY 2020 Budget. He said that he is trying to get information from the tax assessor for the estimated digest.
6. He thanked Heidi Jeffers, Fire Department, and the Chamber of Commerce for their help with the BRAG event.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

After no further business, Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk