

**CITY OF METTER  
CALLED MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019  
5:30 P.M.**

A called meeting/budget workshop was held at City Hall on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 5:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd  
Mayor Pro tem Chyrileen Kilcrease  
Councilman Paul MacGregor  
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson  
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor  
Interim City Manager Carter Crawford  
City Clerk Angie Conner  
Finance Manager Cindy Collins  
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix  
Chief of Police Robert Shore  
HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield  
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers  
Jerri Goodman, Metter Advertiser

Councilman Brandon Sikes was not present at this meeting.

There were no guests present.

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman MacGregor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Councilwoman Kilcrease gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed FY 2020 budgets for all funds.

### **General Fund**

Interim City Manager Carter Crawford recommended to council that they keep the same millage rate as last year and not do the rollback. This will generate a slight increase in taxes so the city will be required to hold three public hearings.

Mr. Crawford informed the mayor and council that there is around \$160,000 in back taxes owed to the city. The prior year back taxes are \$39,437 and the rest are from prior years. He suggested that the city aggressively try to collect these taxes. Council agreed.

After it has been determined that the city will not have to hold a general election this year, we adjusted the election line in the budget from \$12,500 to \$5,000.

The FY 20 revenues for the general fund are estimated at \$3,571,893 and the expenditures at \$3,558,114. This leaves a difference of \$13,779.

The Candler County Board of Commissioners have agreed to pay half of the FY 20 operations budget for the Metter Fire Department. We are asking, in addition, that they pay \$75,280 for capital expenses.

### **Water & Sewer Fund**

The FY 20 projected revenues for the water and sewer fund are \$1,701,452 and the projected expenditures are \$1,550,897. The difference is \$150,555. We would like to put this money in renewal and replacement.

The water and sewer revenues are projected using an increased base rate of \$15.00 for water and \$15.00 for sewer and a 3 to 4 percent increase per usage tiers. The proposed plan is a 5-year plan.

### **Sanitation Fund**

The projected revenues for the sanitation fund are \$502,309 and the projected expenditures are \$487,622 for a difference of \$14,687. The lease purchase for the truck was moved from the general fund. We are looking at putting the \$14,687 in a reserve account.

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**Hotel Motel Tax Fund**

The revenues are projected at \$76,996. The expenditures are projected at \$70,392 for a difference of \$6,604.

**2011 SPLOST Fund**

The beginning balance in the 2011 SPLOST fund is \$410,607. The budgeted expenditures are \$292,757. The encumbrances are \$116,437.

**218 SPLOST Fund**

The beginning balance in the 2018 SPLOST fund is \$326,560. The anticipated revenue is \$432,750. The anticipated expenditures are \$418,059. The encumbrances are \$618,325. Several items were cut from this year because the expenditures exceeded the revenues.

**Budget/Millage Rate Calendar**

September 4, 2019	11:00 a.m.	Public Hearing	Tax Increase
	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing	Tax Increase
	6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing	FY 20 Budget
September 11, 2019	5:30 p.m.	Public Hearing	Tax Increase
	5:30 p.m.	Called Meeting	Millage Rate/ FY 20 Budget

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Boyd called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk