

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting/public hearing was held at City Hall on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 5:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Brandon Sikes
City Clerk Angie Conner
City Attorney Brent Carter
Finance Manager Cindy Collins
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Chief of Police Robert Shore
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers
Carvy Snell, Metter Advertiser

Councilman Paul MacGregor was not present at this meeting. Councilwoman Harrelson was not present at the meeting but participated by phone in the executive session and the remainder of the meeting.

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Juwan Taylor – Metter Fire Department
Jessica Holloway – Streets and Lanes Employee
Bryan Aasheim – Candler County Administrator
David Robinson – Candler County Board of Commissioners
Nancy Robinson
Tyla Beasley
Amanda Roe
Karla Cardell
Jason Beasley
Rhonda Crosby
Trisha Beasley
Tiffany Hackett
Tea Hackett

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.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Sikes 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, June 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Councilman Sikes, approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Boyd called the hearing to order.

Ms. Tyla Beasley seeks a conditional use variance for the .92 acres located at 433 S.W. Broad Street in order to utilize the property as a grooming and boarding kennel for animals. The property is zoned CR Neighborhood and General Commercial. Animal Hospital/Veterinarian and similar uses are allowed in the district only with the grant of a conditional use variance by Council.

Ms. Beasley commented that there will be no kenneling outside of her home. All crates are located in the house. Ms. Beasley said that she would not have over three to four dogs at a time.

The Planning Commission is recommending council approve Application C-1904 (M33 113); Tyla Beasley request a conditional use variance for 092 acres of property located at 433 S. W. Broad Street tax parcel M33-113 to allow for the use of property as a grooming and boarding kennel.

There were no public comments against this request.

Mayor Boyd closed the public hearing

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Application C-1904 (M33-113)

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve Application C-1904 (M33-113); Tyla Beasley request a conditional use variance for .92 acres of property located at 433 S. W. Broad Street, tax parcel M33-113 to allow for the use of property as a grooming and boarding kennel. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Opening Bank Account USDA

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Metter authorizing the Finance Manager to open a City of Metter Bank Account at Queensborough National Bank & Trust for the USDA Loan Program. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Opening Bank Account Utilities Account

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Metter authorizing the Finance Manager to open a City of Metter Utilities Bank Account. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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Bid Approval

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the low bid from L&L Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$42,695.00 for sewer extension on S. Kennedy St. and Fortner Road. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mutual Aid Agreement

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Metter, Georgia Fire & Rescue Department and the City of Swainsboro, Georgia. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to go into executive session regarding a personnel issue. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Councilwoman Harrelson participated by phone.

Open Session

After the executive session was complete, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to go back into open session. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Councilwoman Harrelson continued to participate by phone. Everyone in the room could hear her and she could hear everyone in the room.

Resignation Letter

Mayor Boyd informed everyone that Ms. Mandi Cody, City Manager, has submitted a letter of resignation. Councilman Sikes and Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion at the same time to accept the letter of resignation from City Manager Mandi Cody and the severance agreement prepared by City Attorney Brent Carter. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Interim City Manager

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to allow the Mayor and City Attorney to begin the engagement of a temporary City Manager. Councilwoman Taylor 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 fine revenue is over \$100,000 for FY 2019.

Public Works Report

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

Fire Department Report

Chief Douglas submitted a written report.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner submitted a written report.

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Finance Report

Mrs. Collins announced that she is working with the auditor.

HR/Purchasing Report

Mrs. Edenfield reported that the air quality control test results for the Lillian Street building should be ready tomorrow.

Department of Economic Development/Welcome Center

Ms. Jeffers reported on the following:

1. June 4, 2019 – Visit Metter and Georgia Grown Billboards are up Interstate 16 in partnership with Georgia Grown.
2. Metter Welcome and Georgia Grown Center – June 2019 Totals - \$1,643.39 money deposited and 733 visitors.
3. Mainstreet/DDA Monthly Meeting – June 3, 2019 – DDA Board member Dustin Vernon, and staff member Heidi Jeffers met with the architectural firm DPR at the Welcome Center.
4. June 7, 2019 – BRAG Stopover in Metter.
5. June 8, 2019 – Class of 1964 Tour.
6. June 17, 2019 – Small Town Podcast featuring former Mayor Billy Trapnell.
7. June 17, 2019 – Georgia Southern Incubator and Better Fresh Farms – Department of Corrections began building cleanup, painting and repairs on warehouse section.
8. June 26, 2019 – Better Fresh Farms – First container arrived at their new location.
9. June 26, 2019 – Better Fresh Farms – WSAV featured story expansion in Metter.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd talked about the resignation of City Manager Mandi Cody. He appreciated the way that Brent Carter City Attorney and City Council maintained demeanor and confidence during this situation. He also said that he reached out to management and explained the situation. He thanked them for stepping up and carrying on. Mayor Boyd said that we are a team and will carry on through this transition.

Mayor Boyd thanked County Administrator Bryan Aasheim for joining the meeting.

Mayor Boyd announced that we are working on the budget. We are revisiting the entire process and entering figures into the new Edmunds software.

Mayor Boyd thanked the Police and Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix for their efforts in the move from one location to the other. He said this has been a challenge. Mayor Boyd said that we have a lot of irons in the fire and don't want to lose momentum.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further business, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk