

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, September 9, 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
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson
Councilman Paul MacGregor
Interim City Manager Carter Crawford
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

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Cheryl Aasheim – Animal Services Committee
Al Edenfield

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kilcrease to approve the following minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
- b) Called Meeting/Budget Workshop, Monday, August 19, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
- c) Called Meeting/Budget Workshop, Monday, August 26, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
- d) Public Hearing, Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
- e) Public Hearing, Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Al Edenfield, representing the Trustees of Metter United Methodist Church, gave a presentation regarding partial closure of Woodcock Street. He said that the church has incurred a growth problem, which is a great problem to have. They would like to add a fellowship hall and youth center. There is nowhere else to expand except on Woodcock Street. That is the only direction it can go. Mr. Edenfield said that what the church would like to have happen is for the city to close Woodcock Street from Larry Hadden’s property line back to Lillian Street. He said that Mr. Hadden is in agreement. He said that he thought at one time council made a motion to close the whole street, which Mr. Hadden was not in favor of this because of his property on the back. Mr. Edenfield said that if this is approved and the street was named after Mr. J.C. Woodcock then he would like to see that street somewhere else. He said that Mr. Woodcock was quite a figure in this community. He would hate to see Woodcock St. just done away with. The church owns the property on the other side of the street, and this would give us room to grow.

Councilwoman Taylor asked if this is the same street that council voted to close previously and wasn’t it run in the paper a few months ago? Mr. Edenfield said he believed that to be true, but it was to close the whole street. Councilwoman Taylor said so we have already voted on this so its just changing where the street ends.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Tethering Ordinance

There was a first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6.04 of the City of Metter’s Dog Ordinance to clarify terms and expand ordinance in the best interest of the public. A second reading is required.

Resolution – City of Metter, Georgia Economic Development Incentive Program

Mayor Boyd explained that Mandi Cody and Molly Olsen put this program together when they were here. Heidi Jeffers, Director of Economic Development, Carter Crawford, Interim City Manager and Brent Carter, City Attorney have reviewed this plan. Mr. Crawford said that it is a good resolution compared to some he has seen.

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve a Resolution adopting the City of Metter, Georgia Economic Development Incentive Program for the retention and recruitment of qualifying businesses in order to promote economic growth development and job creation within the City of Metter. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bid Award – Sikes Brothers

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to award the base bid for the resurfacing of Burton Avenue, S. Williams St., and S. Kennedy St. (2018 TIA Project) to the sole bidder, Sikes Brothers, changing the size of the water main on Burton Ave. from 6 in. to 4 in., the water lateral upgrades on S. Kennedy St., the S. Williams St. sewer improvement between Pine St. and Hiawatha St., and not to include the add alternates at this time, for an amount of \$547,927.05. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Councilwoman Harrelson questioned why we are shrinking the size of the line. Mr. Hendrix said basically to get this project in an affordable budget so we could do the project. The water line there now is only a 2 in. so we are actually increasing the size of the water line from 2 in. to 4 in. After the discussion, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to award the bid as presented.

Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (TIA) Project Agreement

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (TIA) Project Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Metter, Georgia to allow the city to manage the Band 3 TIA projects which include the following:

- 1) Neal Street, HG-0185, P.I.0011889
- 2) South Lewis Street, HG-0186, P.I. 0011890
- 3) East Lillian Street, HG-0187, P.I. 0011891
- 4) Haymans Street, HG-0188, P.I. 0011892
- 5) East Hiawatha Street, HG-0189, P.I. 0011893

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

Mr. Hendrix reported that this agreement allows the City of Metter to manage these projects as far as bidding, engineering, etc. These projects are the final TIA projects for that round.

Walgreens Alcohol License

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve a retail alcohol beverage license for package sales for off premises consumption of beer and wine for Todd Heckman, Walgreens #17222 located at 430 S. Lewis St., Metter, Georgia. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Trick or Treat Date Set

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to set Thursday, October 31, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Trick-or-Treating in the City of Metter. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

November Regular Meeting Rescheduled

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to reschedule the November regular meeting from Monday, November 11, 2019 (Veteran’s Day) to Monday, November 4, 2019. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Department Report

Chief Shore submitted a written report. He also reported on the following:

- Active Shooter Class Saturday morning at Anchor Worship Center
- State Certification went through inspection with no discrepancies. After board approval we should officially receive certification.
- Writing speeding tickets on I16.

Mayor Boyd commended the police department for the work they done to obtain state certification.

Public Works Report

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report. He also reported on the following:

- The next TIA project is out for bids – S. Rountree, S. Williams, Ellis Boston, Mincey, Smith and Huiett streets.
- We did not receive the 2019 CDBG grant. We will receive the scoring information from ALGA, Inc.
- Part of the CDBG project was also part of our 2018 LMIG project, as the city contribution. We will look at getting that work done on Lincoln and Washington streets.
- The S. Kennedy St. and Fortner Road project will begin on September 23, 2019.

Fire Department Report

Chief Douglas submitted a written report. He informed council that the new fire truck is in operation. Mayor Boyd said that he appreciates what the fire department does for this community.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner submitted a written report. Ms. Edenfield highlighted the following:

- The 2019 General Election has been cancelled. All notices have been sent to the appropriate places.
- Angie Conner and Cindy Collins are at the Georgia Municipal Clerks Conference in Athens.

Finance Report

Mr. Crawford said that Mrs. Collins is working on the financial statements.

HR/Purchasing Report

Mrs. Edenfield reported on the following:

- Holding interviews for a public works position.
- Moving forward with both building renovations (Lillian St. and Terrell St.).

Department of Economic Development/Welcome Center

Ms. Jeffers reported on the following:

- Camera Ready Project. Took a week to get everything done including finding a location and another week to get the commercial done. We have had two more requests since then.
- The building project for the incubator and Better Fresh Farms is going great. We are working on the electrical part now. Meeting with Cliff, Grant, Carter and electrician to talk about some things.
- Roof bid went out and we should have it back on September 18th.
- Joe Carter, Missy Edenfield and Heidi Jeffers painted the floors at the warehouse. The Dept. of Corrections will paint the outside of the building.
- The DDA have approved by-laws.
- There are some new businesses looking at Metter.

Mayor Boyd said that he appreciates Joe, Missy, and Heidi sealing the floor at the warehouse.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Crawford reported on the following:

- The budget hearing process is underway. Hope to have the budget passed on September 11th.
- There was a reduction in the budget due to an error. Still balanced cause error hit both sides.
- Putting together an expense calendar for SPLOST for this coming year.

Mayor Boyd said that he appreciates Carter's hard work on getting the budget straightened out and underway. He also thanked council for the part they played in the budget process.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd did not have a report.

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 6:05 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk