

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 08, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held in the council chambers at City Hall on Monday, June 08, 2020 at 5:30 p. m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access was provided to the public through teleconference.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Ed Boyd
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson
Councilman Brandon Sikes
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Finance Manager Cindy Collins
HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield
Chief of Police Robert Shore
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers
Carvy Snell – Metter Advertiser

Councilman Paul MacGregor was not present at this meeting.

Guests participating by phone:

Susan Williams – Chair, Animal Services Committee
Dale Fordham – Property Owner

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present and those participating by phone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Harrelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Taylor 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, May 11, 2020
- b) Budget Workshop, Monday, May 18, 2020

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include Flea Markets

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in reference to “Adding the Definition of a Flea Market to Appendix A. Article II, Section 2.25a and allowing Flea Markets to be held I the following Zoning Districts: CR (Neighborhood/General Commercial), L-1 (Light Industrial), and HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial with a Condition Use Permit granted by City Council)”. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Ordinance Amendment to Allow for Flea Markets

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the second reading of an amendment to the City of Metter Municipal Code of Ordinances Title 5 Business Licenses and Regulations to include Chapter 5.30 Flea Market, outlining operational guidelines. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Application for Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance submitted by Danny Olliff and Dale Fordham

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an application for Amendment to the Metter Zoning Ordinance submitted by Dale Fordham and Danny Olliff to rezone 10.5 acres of Parcel M2 1004 from R-3 One and Two Family Residential to R-4 Multiple-Unit Residential. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Regular Meeting, June 8, 2020

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2021 balanced City of Metter budgets as follows:

General Fund	\$3,807,387
Hotel Motel Tax Fund	\$ 78,996
Sanitation	\$ 586,166
Water & Sewer Revenue	\$2,989,150

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

Animal Shelter Expansion

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve moving forward with the design and bid phase of the Animal Shelter expansion project using the modified plans (30 x 30) from the architect with an estimated cost of \$99,000 as recommended by Chief Shore and the Animals Services Committee. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bid Approval – Mini Excavator with Trailer

Councilman Sikes made a motion to award the low bid from Low County Machinery for the purchase of a mini excavator with trailer in the amount of \$59,408.70 as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hendrix told council that a lease payment was budgeted for this piece of equipment.

Bid Approval – Animal Control Truck

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to award a bid from Daniels-Bishop Chevrolet in the amount of \$33,407, with a possible rebate of \$4,500 subject to change depending on the date of delivery, for the purchase of an animal control truck. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bid Approval – 2019 LMIG

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to award the low bid from Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$255,219.26 for the 2019 LMIG project which includes water base bid, sewer base bid with substitution and the resurfacing with the substitution of new sanitary sewer rings/covers and thermoplastic stop bars on south College Street as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bid Approval – 2020 LMIG

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to award the low bid from Sikes Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$58,735.45 for the 2020 LMIG project which includes resurfacing of Fortner Road as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Tree Board Appointments

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to appoint Mrs. Nancy Woodard to the City of Metter Tree Board representing District 2 for a 3-year term ending November 2022 as recommended by the committee. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to appoint Mrs. Judy Swint to the City of Metter Tree Board representing District 1 for a 3-year term ending November 2022 as recommended by the committee. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

GMA Annual Meeting Voting Delegate

Councilman Sikes made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Amy Harrelson as the voting delegate to represent the City of Metter at the GMA Annual Membership Business Meeting to be conducted virtually on Thursday, July 2, 2020 – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Due to the time constraint with teleconferencing the meeting, City Council were informed that the departmental written reports were placed in the agenda packet for their review and if they had any questions, they could contact the department head later.

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Crawford reported the following

- City Hall will open back up tomorrow following the social distancing guidelines. We will be allowing 2 customers in the lobby at the time.
- We opened the parks and ball courts back up to the public.
- Main Street Board is asking that we put 4 picnic tables in the park. Council had no objections.
- State report on SPLOST, LOST and TSPLOST.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Boyd reported on the following:

- We had a very meaningful and peaceful Black Lives Matter gathering on Saturday, June 6, 2020. He thanked Chief Shore for working closely with this group.
- Thanked Mr. Hendrix for spurring Sikes Brothers on the paving and water line replacement on S. Williams St. and others.
- Routine Maintenance was performed on one of the water tanks.
- Thanked Councilwoman Harrelson and Chief Shore for working with the Animal Services Committee on the animal shelter expansion project. He also thanked them for applying for a \$5,000 grant for spaying and neutering.
- The Department of Corrections are back working on the incubator project. Once they complete that project, they will move on to the renovations at the Welcome Center.
- We have several other retail happenings around town which is such a blessing.
- The COVID-19 count is up to 15 for Candler County. We have increased testing. Proud of the community for practicing safe distancing.
- We are slowly opening city hall.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further business, Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk