

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Training Room at the Metter Police Department located at 805 E. Lillian St.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Paul MacGregor
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Police Chief Robert Shore
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Fire Chief Jason Douglas

Councilwoman Rashida Taylor was not present at the meeting.

Guests:

Ann P.D. Gleason
Susan Williams
Richard Williams
Cheryl Aasheim
Bryan Aasheim
Deborah Johns
Warren Tillery
Mary Summerlin

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

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve the following meetings:

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, September 14, 2020
- b) Called Meeting, Monday, September 14, 2020

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

PRESENTATIONS

Ann P. D. Gleason

Ms. Ann P.D. Gleason presented herself as a 2020 Democratic Candidate running to serve the people of Georgia's House District 158. Ms. Gleason lives in Millen, Georgia, Jenkins County. She presented several topics that her campaign stands for:

- Increasing Broadband
- Expanding Medicaid in this area
- Solar Energy
- Transportation
- Monitoring Fair Elections

She asked for everyone's support and encouraged everyone to vote.

Mary Summerlin

Ms. Mary Summerlin presented a zoning issue to mayor and council. She said that she has a big lot, which her house is located on but there is plenty of room to put a mobile home there too. She said that it used to be two separate lots but now she is being told that it is one lot, and she cannot put a mobile home on it.

Mr. Hendrix explained that the zoning ordinance only allows one primary residence per lot. Mr. Hendrix stated that he talked with John Jones, Jr. who sold the property to Ms. Summerlin and said that it was sold as one lot.

Mayor Boyd asked if she subdivided the lot would it meet the zoning requirements. Mr. Hendrix stated that he would have to look at it again because he could not remember the size of the lot. Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Hendrix to investigate this and get back with Ms. Summerlin.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - GEFA Loan – Lytell Street Lift Station

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Metter to apply for an emergency loan in the amount of \$146,087.00 through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion. Mr. Hendrix explained that this money will be used to replace the lift station on Lytell Street that went out in January. We are presently using a by-pass pump until the new one can be installed. Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution – Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of a pre-application for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in order to add a splash pad, exercise equipment, and restrooms to the Jaycee Park located on Daniel Street. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford explained that the total estimated cost for this project is \$177,400.00. This grant will fund 50% of the project and the city will have to match the other 50%. We can use city funds, donations, and in-kind services for the city match. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2020. After no further discussion, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to apply for the grant.

Bid Approval – Animal Shelter Renovations – United Grounds Maintenance, Services, Inc.

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve the low bid from United Grounds Maintenance Services, Inc. in the amount of \$125,000.00 for renovations at the Metter Animal Shelter, not including Add Alternate #1. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion. Mr. Carter stated that the bequest to the animal shelter is \$100,000.00 and that is all that is in the budget. Where are we going to get the other \$25,000.00?

Councilwoman Harrelson said that we have had that bequest for four years now and it is time to do something with it. Construction costs have gone up. We need to find the money and move forward. Mr. Hendrix said that there is no room to scale back the building. We had an add alternate included in the bid process to see if it would be any less for stick-built verses block. But, as you can see, the stick built would have cost more. Councilman MacGregor and Councilwoman Harrelson agreed the city needs to move forward with this project. Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Crawford to investigate financing options. After no further discussion, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to accept the low bid and move forward with the project.

Executive Session

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to close the meeting to the public for an executive session for attorney client privilege to consult and meet with legal counsel

pertaining to pending or potential litigation. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Open Session

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to open the meeting back up to the public at 7:09 p.m. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Departmental written reports were placed in the agenda packet for council’s review.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Crawford gave an update on the 2018 SPLOST projects:

Current Balance	Capital Project	Amount	Justification
A \$1,000,000	Fire Station	\$1,000,000	Supplement 2005 SPLOST remainder to build new station.
A \$232,105	Economic Development	\$300,000	Placemaking, signage, incubator, downtown development, welcome center upgrades
A \$254,899	Public Utilities: Rehabilitation and expansion to include water, wastewater Collection, distribution, and treatment.	\$490,000	Priority 1 & 2 water and sewer projects as identified in engineering study. To supplement renewal and replacement fund.
A \$10,000	Drainage Improvements	\$100,000	To properly size and maintain drainage infrastructure.
A -\$55,714	Equipment and vehicle purchases	\$470,000	Fire Engine, Police Cars, Public Works Trucks, and Equipment for Public Works and Public Safety.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Boyd thanked council for their participation.

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ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk