

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

A called meeting was held on Thursday, August 27, 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
Councilman Paul MacGregor
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Police Chief Robert Shore
Carvy Snell, Metter Advertiser

Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease and Councilwoman Rashida Taylor were not present at the meeting.

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Jincy Fordham
Tess Fordham
Brian Aasheim – Candler County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order, called roll, and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Sikes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Sikes gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve the agenda adding guest remarks. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Public Hearing to Set Millage Rate

Called Meeting August 27, 2020

Councilman Sikes made a motion to reschedule the public hearing to review the proposed millage rate to Monday, September 14, 2020, 5:15 p.m., at the Metter Police Department located at 805 E. Lillian St. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Conditional Use Permit Application – Jincy Fordham – 15 N. Kennedy St.

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve an application by Jincy Fordham for a conditional use permit for a boarding kennel for dogs. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion. The property is located at 15 N. Kennedy St., currently zoned Commercial Retail (CR). This property is bounded on the North by property owned by Bobby Jones Management, and Julian B. Smith Jr., on the South by property owned by Jincy T. Fordham, and the East by North Kennedy Street and on the West by property owned by Jincy T. Fordham.

Mrs. Fordham informed council that she has spoken with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and there is no problem with her getting a kennel license from the state for that location.

Councilman MacGregor expressed his concerns over barking dogs. Mrs. Fordham said that she understands his concern, but the dogs will be inside most of the time. They will have short amounts of time outside. The child daycare is two buildings over with center blocks and four walls in between. The animals will be boarded inside in a climate-controlled environment. The animals will not be visible to the daycare. Mrs. Fordham said that this would not jeopardize the daycare's license. She said that she cannot use the existing wall outside. It will have to be upper scale. It will look similar to the pictures that were provided to mayor and council.

Mayor Boyd asked about the capacity of animals. She said that she would need fifteen per day to turn a profit. Mrs. Fordham said that she is still looking at other options for the building but not going to do something that is not profitable. She said that she has two people interested in running the kennel. There will be kennels outside for rotating animals out for playtime.

After no further questions, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was two in favor and one opposed. Councilman MacGregor cast the opposing vote.

Construction Low Bid Holloway Construction – Wall and Door at City Hall

Councilman Sikes made a motion to approve the low bid of \$4,477.00 from Holloway Construction to construct a wall and door at the front entrance of City Hall. Councilwoman Harrelson seconded the motion. Mr. Crawford explained that the wall is for safety reasons and should be reimbursable by the FEMA grant. We plan to install an electronic door and the receptionist will have a control to open it. After no further comments, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Councilman Sikes seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk