

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held on Monday, September 14, 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
Councilman Paul MacGregor
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson
Councilman Brandon Sikes – arrived after all votes had been taken
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Police Chief Robert Shore
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers
Carvy Snell – Metter Advertiser

Guests:

There were no guests present.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman MacGregor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman MacGregor gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve the following meetings:

Regular Meeting, September 14, 2020

- a) Regular Meeting, Monday, August 10, 2020
- b) Called Meeting, Thursday, August 27, 2020

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

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Millage Rate

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to approve the 2020 Rollback Millage Rate, 11.739 as calculated on the PT 32.1 form prepared by Candler County Tax Assessors. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

2021 LMIG Priority List

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to submit the following 2021 LMIG Priority List to the Georgia Department of Transportation as recommended by Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix:

- Hiawatha St. between S. College St. and S. Terrell St. 2,153 ft. (0.41 mi)
- Bay St. between E. Lee St. and Washington St. 694 ft. (0.13 mi)

The City will receive \$63,676.00 in GDOT funds and with the city 10% match, we will have around \$70,043.60 for the 2021 LMIG funding.

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

Bid Award – Lytell Street Pumping Station – Southern Civil, Inc.

Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to award a contract in the amount of \$44,680.00 to Southern Civil, Inc. for the installation of a new pumping station located on Lytell Street. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Discussion Regarding Trick-or-Treat

The next item on the agenda up for discussion was setting a date and time for Trick-or-Treat. Councilwoman Harrelson said she did not want to cancel Trick-or-Treat. Mayor Boyd said that we can allow it and ask people to follow the CDC guidelines and the Governor's orders. Councilwoman Taylor said that she is a little reserved about it and would like to see feedback from other communities. Halloween is on a Saturday this year and the usual Trick-or-Treat hours are 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Tourism/Business Development

Ms. Jeffers reported that Georgia Southern will open tomorrow in the new Innovation Center. She also reported that the renovations at the Welcome Center should be complete in 5 to 6 weeks.

Police Department

Chief Shore reported the following:

- One Officer has completed the academy
- Losing one Sergeant

Animal Control

Chief Shore reported the following:

- Will receive the spay and neuter grant on September 16, 2020
- There will be a pre-bid meeting on Wednesday for the renovation project at the shelter.

Administration

Ms. Conner reported the following:

- Received approval on the first 30% of the Cares Grant \$62,000.00.
- Received approval on the next 70% of the Cares Grant \$144,448.00.

Public Works

Mr. Hendrix reported that the Billy Trapnell park received yard of the month.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Crawford reported on the following:

- The City has applied for a grant through our GMA Health Program in the amount of \$5,000 for a Wellness Program. We will be putting together a wellness team to administer the program. This program will allow us to aim for healthier employees and reduced health insurance premiums.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd reported the following:

- Paving Projects are 90% complete. The streets are looking good. There are still a lot more to do. He appreciates the work being done.
- Appreciates the efforts of streets and lanes for hitting the streets in this heat. They are trimming trees. Mayor Boyd received a note from Latrell Thomas complimenting on how good the streets and lanes look in her area.
- Looking forward to the completion of the Welcome Center renovation project.
- Looking forward to seeing more tenants in the Georgia Grown Georgia Southern University incubator.
- He encouraged citizens to wear masks when in the public when social distancing is not possible due to COVID-19. Please wear masks in stores. We are in the red zone. We also need to be mindful and keep our hands washed. Please be careful out there in the public.
- Mayor Boyd asked others to be mindful of the folks in California and Oregon suffering from the fires.
- In remembrance of 9/11 we put a piece of iron from one of the Twin Towers in the lobby at City Hall for citizens to view.
- Mayor Boyd said that the city is mindful of the wish list that was published in the newspaper. One of the items on the list was the Jaycee Park. We are investigating a recreation grant that could assist with this project. It is a 50/50 grant and needs submitting by October 31, 2020. We already have the Archway plans for that project. Hopefully, we can fit this in next year's budget. We can use donations for part of the in-kind match. We will try to accomplish items on the wish list.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Harrelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk