

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Billy Trapnell
Mayor Pro tem Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Ed Boyd
Councilwoman Marsha Colson
Councilman Paul MacGregor
City Manager Joseph Mosley
City Clerk Angie Conner
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Chief of Police Dennis Nelson
Jaime Riggs – Main Street Affiliate Program
Carvey Snell, Metter Advertiser

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Ophelia K. Gaines – Concerted Services
Mamie Smith – Concerted Services
Emily Hunt – UGA-Archway Partnership
Andrew Bailey – Archway Partnership
Betsy McGriff – Archway Partnership
Rose Morris – Department of Family and Children Services
Caleb Stillinger – Metter Fire and Rescue
Gatlin Holloway – Metter Fire and Rescue
Joe Carter – Metter Fire and Rescue
Glynn Thrift – Candler County Commissioner
Marty Ward – Border Equipment Company

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Trapnell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman MacGregor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Kilcrease gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:
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Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

GUEST RECOGNITION DURING THE WORK SESSION PRIOR TO MEETING

Evans/Candler Department of Family and Children Services

Mrs. Rose Morris, Evans/Candler Department of Family and Children Services County Administrator (Director), introduced herself and briefly discussed what is going on within the Department of Family and Children Services.

ARCHway Partnership

Mrs. Betsy McGriff, ARCHway Professional, along with Ms. Emily Hunt and Mr. Andrew Bailey, students from University of Georgia College of Environment and Design, presented the proposed gateway signage. These students worked with a committee and came up with two final designs for new entrance signs to the City of Metter which they presented to mayor and council. The signs were designed according to DOT specs so that we can apply for a Georgia Department of Transportation Gateway Grant for the landscaping around the signs.

Concerted Services

Ms. Ophelia Gaines and Ms. Mamie Smith with Concerted Services were present at the meeting to ask mayor and council for support from the city. Ms. Gaines explained that Concerted Services has suffered a decrease in funding. The Nutrition Center took a loss of **\$36,000.00**. Candler, Tattnall and Evans were hit the hardest with a 50% loss of state funding. Concerted Services is requesting support from the city and county of **\$36,000.00** to make up for the deficit.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of Leaf Vacuum

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the low bid of **\$29,975.00** from Consolidated to purchase a leaf vacuum (Extreme Vac XV6000). Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Purchase of Backhoe

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the low bid of **\$79,570.58** from Border Equipment of Pooler, Georgia for the purchase of a backhoe. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Metter Fire/Rescue 24 Hour Operations

Mr. Mosley recommended moving forward with hiring staff and rearranging schedules for a 24 hour operation for the Metter Fire/Rescue Department. Councilwoman Colson had some concerns about this issue and suggested a panel of experts look at the situation and make a recommendation to mayor and council. She suggested this for safety of the community, its citizens, and financially. After some discussion, this issue was tabled for further study.

Purchase of HVAC System for the Metter Welcome Center

Councilman Boyd made a motion to approve the reimbursement of the Metter/Candler County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of **\$4,531.94** for the installation of a new HVAC system at the Welcome Center. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approval of 5K Run

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to approve the Statesboro Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta (DST) sponsoring a 5K Run in the City of Metter on Saturday, May 3, 2014 (8 a.m.). Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The route will be the same as the annual Metter High School Cross County 5K Run. Proceeds will benefit Candler County Communities in Schools Program.

Closing of Streets for Another Bloomin Festival

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to approve the closing of North Broad Street from North Kennedy Street to North Leroy Street as part of the 2014 Another Bloomin Festival. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This request was made by the Another Bloomin Festival Committee.

Officers Selected for GMA District 9

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the recommended slate of officers for GMA District 9 (2014-2015 Year). Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Proposed Alcohol Ordinance Amendment

A proposed amendment to Title 5 Alcohol Beverage, Chapter 5.07, Article 7. Temporary/Special Event Permit for Nonprofits to Dispense Alcohol was presented to council for the first reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trapnell gave an update on actions to help displaced workers of RR Donnelly.

Mayor Trapnell gave an update on the TIA projects.

Mayor Trapnell gave an update on the Spring Quarterly Woodpecker Trail Meeting held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at City Hall.

In the work session, prior to the meeting, Mayor Trapnell gave an update on the building conflicts at the Metter Elementary School. We have been discussing to locate the Metter Police Department, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Metter Head-Start in the old elementary school building. It seems that now there are some concerns over the children being located on the same site as law enforcement since there are criminals that may visit these places. We were looking at putting the Head-Start in the back building. Mayor Trapnell said that there will be another meeting tomorrow to discuss this issue. Councilman Boyd suggested using another building (the old middle school) for the Boys and Girls Club and Head-Start. He said we could also look at moving the Public Works to the Elementary School and use their present building for an industrial site. He said that he would hate to lose the GBI. The building would be titled to them (GBI), and they will maintain it; and if they leave, the title will revert back to the city.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Mr. Mosley gave an update on the Public Input Meetings held for the West End Park. The final meeting will be April 22, 2014. There are a number of revisions.

The Department of Community Affairs GOMI Survey and the Wage and Salary Survey have been completed.

The annual audit has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

Mr. Mosley completed the Georgia Department of Transportation TIA Survey.

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Police Department Report

Chief Nelson submitted a written report.

Public Works

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report. He added that Mr. Eugene Williams with the Sanitation Department is retiring. He has eleven years with the City of Metter.

Main Street Affiliate Program

Ms. Riggs submitted a written report and went over the key issues.

Fire Department Report

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner asked mayor and council, who will make the Spring Listening Session scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at the Terry L. Coleman Conference Center in Eastman, Georgia. Councilwoman Kilcrease said that she would go.

Mrs. Conner gave an update on Georgia Cities Week.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

William M. Trapnell, Mayor