

**CITY OF METTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

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

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Dustin Durden, representing Archway Program  
Stephen Snell, representing Archway Program  
Betsy McGriff, Archway Program Director  
Michelle Wilder – Operations Coordinator Archway Program  
Debbie Aylmer, Communities-in-Schools Director  
Denise Booker, Metter High School, representing Communities-in-Schools Program  
Dennis Allen, representing Boys and Girls Club  
Lisa Rigdon, representing Boys and Girls Club  
Bill Lindsey, County Manager, Candler County Board of Commissioners  
Glynn Thrift, Chairman, Candler County Board of Commissioners  
Johnny and Laura Vines - Citizens

**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 Thomas gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda adding item K, which was a motion to accept the Metter Intermediate/Middle School property from the Candler County Board of Education and allow the Boys and Girls Club to locate there. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Boyd made a motion to approve the following minutes:

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Councilman Thomas seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**GUEST RECOGNITION**

**Debbie Aylmer – Communities In Schools and Denise Booker, CIS, Metter High School**

Ms. Debbie Aylmer, representing the Communities in Schools Program, was present during the work session to ask for council to continue supporting the program. The purpose of this program is to remove barriers and help students to graduate.

Ms. Denise Booker, a senior at Metter High School, was present at the work session to express the importance of the Communities in Schools Program and how it had helped her through the years.

**Stephen Snell, Dustin Durden, Betsy McGriff, and Michelle Wilder representing the ARCHway Partnership**

In the work session, prior to the meeting, Mr. Snell presented the mayor and council with a work plan update concerning University of Georgia ARCHway Partnership; this was done as a reminder for the need of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for FY2015. This MOU includes the \$10,000.00 annual support from the City of Metter.

**Dennis Allen and Lisa Rigdon, representing the Boys and Girls Club**

During the work session, prior to the meeting, Mayor Trapnell gave an update on the Metter Elementary School property. He said that Head Start has expressed concerns of criminals being located on the property since the GBI and the Metter Police Department will also be located there. Chief Nelson and the GBI had some of the same concerns. The main purpose for the City to acquire the property was to locate the Police Department there. Mayor Trapnell said that his main concern is the safety of the children. Mr. Allen, representing the Boys and Girls Club, said that neither he nor the board has a problem with the Boys and Girls Club being located there. He said, in Statesboro, their club is located next to Pineland Mental Health, and they do not have any problems. There is enough security in place. He informed the mayor and council that the Metter Club has lost its federal funding but there will be enough private donations to keep it going. Mr. Allen said that he really needs to know what the city plans to do because if the club has nowhere to go, then there is no need to continue with the donations. He said that he needs to know something as soon as possible. Councilman MacGregor said he thinks the City should accept the Metter Intermediate/Middle School property so that the Boys and Girls Club could be located there. Mr. Allen agreed that the Metter Intermediate/Middle School would be a great location for the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Allen said he just needs a commitment that the club will have somewhere to go.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Low Bid Approval from East Coast Asphalt of Douglas, Georgia**

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to approve the low bid of **\$439,782.78** from East Coast Asphalt of Douglas, Georgia to resurface nine roads in the City of Metter. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Six of the projects are LMIG and three are TIA projects.

**Boys and Girls Club**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to rescind the approval of the Boys & Girls Club going into the Metter Elementary School due to safety issues. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Candler County Board of Commissioners Concerning Recreation Department**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Candler County Board of Commissioners to take over the administration and operations of the Metter/Candler County Recreation Department effective July 1, 2014 with the following issues noted:

1. The city agrees to pay fifty percent (50%) of the indebtedness of the Recreation Department by June 1, 2014.
2. An easement will need to be drafted and presented to the county so the city can maintain the water lines on the property.
3. There is a truck and tractor that the city will need to issue a quit-claim deed to the county. The intergovernmental agreement says a warranty deed but a quit-claim deed will be cheaper and easier to do. The city will also need to transfer the titles to the county so that the county can list them on their insurance.
4. The agreement will become effective July 1, 2014.

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

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with University of Georgia ARCHway Partnership**

Councilman Boyd made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Georgia ARCHway Partnership for FY 2015 which includes the city's support of \$10,000.00. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**EMC Engineering, Inc. Contract**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve a contract with EMC Engineering in the amount of **\$44,219.00** to do engineering services for sewer rehabilitation projects associated with the GEFA project. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**2015 LMIG Program**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the submittal of several streets to GDOT for the 2015 LMIG Program. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Georgia Department of Corrections Contract**

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to approve a Georgia Department of Corrections contract in the amount of **\$39,500.00** to provide probationers for the Public Works Department. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Voting Delegate – GMA Convention**

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to approve Councilwoman Kilcrease as the City of Metter's Delegate to the 2014 GMA Annual Convention (Monday, June 23, 2014) and for Councilwoman Kilcrease to carry the City of Metter Flag for the Parade of Flags and for Councilman Paul MacGregor to serve as the alternate. The vote was three in favor and one opposed. Councilman MacGregor cast the opposing vote.

**Administrative Vehicle Exempted**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to exempt the marking of the City of Metter Administrative Vehicle with a decal [O.C.G.A. 36-80-20]. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**City Manager's Exempted**

Councilman Boyd made a motion to exempt the marking of the City Manager's vehicle from having a decal [36-80-20]. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Acceptance of Intermediate/Middle School Building/Boys and Girls Club**

Councilman MacGregor stated that he thinks the Intermediate/Middle School Building is a good opportunity and the city should not pass it up. The Candler County BOE has an offer of **\$50,000.00** from a private source. It will be a great place for the Boys and Girls Club. Mayor Trapnell said that he is in support of the property and the Boys and Girls Club, but it comes down to the dollar amount. Councilman Boyd said he is in support of the buildings and thinks it is a good place for the Boys and Girls Club.

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to accept the Intermediate/Middle School building from the Candler County Board of Education. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Boyd made a motion to approve for the Boys and Girls Club to locate in the Intermediate/Middle School Building if the city is successful in obtaining the property. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Trapnell informed council that he has been talking with Alton West, who is the Arts and Choir teacher at Metter High School, and Mr. West would like to extend his services not only to the school but also to the community. He is asking for money to help with the cost of a location to display the artwork. Mayor Trapnell said that he referred him to Danny Olliff with Better Metter.

Mayor Trapnell gave an update on the 2014 GMA Spring Board Meeting held at Lake Blackshear. He said that it was a good meeting with some good discussion. There are mixed feelings across the state on the new gun law.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Manager's Report**

Mr. Mosley gave an update on the public input from the meetings held for the West End Park. He also presented the mayor and council a map of the final project. Councilman Boyd made a motion to approve the map of the final project. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mosley gave an update on the 2013 City of Metter DCA Financial Report submittal.

Mr. Mosley informed council that he has responded with a corrective action plan to the Annual Audit comments by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

Mr. Mosley met with Tony Collins with GDOT on the Matthew Street project.

**Police Department Report**

Chief Nelson submitted a written report.

**Public Works Department**

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

**Main Street Affiliate Program**

Mrs. Riggs submitted a written report and highlighted the following items:

- Patriotic banners are now up until July 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Metter Graphics won the bid for the brass plaques for the light poles and benches. Plaques are in production now. Plans are to invite and dedicate all sponsors to the Centennial Celebration on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Another Bloomin Festival was rained out but had 96 vendors present and over 1,000 attendees.
- BRAG (Bicycle Ride Across Georgia) will be hosted in Metter on June 12-13, 2014. We need your help to welcome the riders between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Guido Gardens. Also there is a need for workers at the hospitality tent on the high school campus and at the dinner event that night.

**Fire Department Report**

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

**Administration Report**

Mrs. Conner informed the mayor and council that letters have been sent to the hotel owners informing them of the 2% increase in hotel/motel tax now in place with an effective date of June 1<sup>st</sup> for them to start collecting the taxes.

Mrs. Conner said that Georgia Cities Week was a success. We had two children to win contests. The prizes were two big Easter Baskets. We also had an Open House at City Hall.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to go into executive session for real-estate purposes. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

After all discussion was complete, Councilman Thomas made a motion to go back into open session. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk

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William M. Trapnell, Mayor