

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014**

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, August 11, 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
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
Metter Classic Main Street Director Jaime Riggs
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
Carvey Snell, Metter Advertiser

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Justin Wells – Metter Police Department
David Gonzalez – Metter Police Department
Adrian Montecalvo – Metter Police Department
Glynn Thrift – Chairman, Candler County Commissioners
Hannah Mullins – Metter/Candler Economic Development Director
Alex Daman – Governmental Services & Research Division, Vinson Institute of Government

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – July 14, 2014
Called Meeting – July 27, 2014
Called Meeting – August 4, 2014

Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

GUEST RECOGNITION

Chief Nelson presented some performance achievement awards during the work session prior to the council meeting. They were as follows: Officer of the Year, Adrian Montevalvo; Top Gun, David Gonzalez; and Chief's Award, Justin Wells. Mayor and Council congratulated the officers on a job well done.

Mrs. Hannah Mullins introduced herself as the new Metter/Candler Economic Development Director.

Mr. Alex Daman, Public Service Assistant, Governmental Services and Research Division, Vinson Institute of Government, was present during the work session to discuss the final report of the Classification and Compensation Plan for the City of Metter. Mr. Daman went over the process used to create the new Classification and Compensation Plan. He also discussed two different options for the proposed cost of implementation. Mr. Daman talked about future actions on how to keep the Classification and Compensation Plan up to date. The new pay scales are competitive in the relevant labor market. The new plans further professionalize and strengthen the administrative infrastructure of the City. Mr. Daman said that he and his staff would work with the City to implement the new system.

The GBI Regional Task Force wants to run the SRDEO Task Force grant through the City of Metter. In addition, the Task Force would like to request that the city insures 10 vehicles as part of its' fleet policy, and the Task Force would reimburse the City. Mayor and Council did not have a problem with running the grant through the city, but they did have some reservations about insuring their vehicles.

Tripp Jones was listed on the agenda to speak about city streets, but was not present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Lease Agreement with Concerted Services /Head Start Program

Mr. Mosley presented a lease agreement to mayor and council with Concerted Services, Inc. of Waycross. The lease agreement would allow the Head Start Program to locate in the old Metter Middle School building. At this time, they can only pay \$500.00 per month. Council agreed that Concerted Services should pay the city rent for the use of the building. Councilman Boyd said that we can see how the \$500 works out, and if we need to make changes, we can let them know ahead of time so they can budget for that expense. Mayor Trapnell said that we will need to let them know well in advance. They also may look at a CDGB grant to build their own building. Councilman Boyd stated that the Head Start Program is extremely important to this community. Councilman MacGregor stated that we should try it but nothing is guaranteed. Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Lease Agreement with Concerted Services, Inc. of Waycross, Georgia to locate the Head Start Program at the old Metter Middle School Building amending the agreement as follows: 1) Section 3 **Rent** – to include \$500.00 per month, 2) Section 7 **Maintenance & Repairs** – Concerted Services will not be responsible for maintenance and repairs, and 3) Section 10 **Insurance** – Concerted Services will only be responsible for workers compensation and liability. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Funding for Recreation Department for Loans and Debts

Mr. Mosley presented the mayor and council with an accounts payable breakdown of what was owed by the Recreation Department as of July 1, 2014. The amount is \$65,102.46. The Candler County Board of Commissioners are requesting that the City pay half of this cost. In May of 2014, City Council voted to pay half of the amount of the

debt as of June 1, 2014. Councilwoman Colson said that we need an audit or an investigation. She says she doesn't feel good about it, and she doesn't like it. Councilman Boyd said that it is the results of years of no active oversight and unfortunately it comes back to the City and County. He said that he is thankful to the County for taking it over and thankful for the City helping put it in place. We just need to move forward. Councilman MacGregor agreed with Councilman Boyd. Councilwoman Colson said that she is glad the County took it over also, but she still thinks there should be an investigation. Councilman MacGregor made a motion to approve paying no more than \$32,500 to the Candler County Board of Commissioners in regard to the loans and debt associated with the Metter/Candler County Recreation Department. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trapnell reported that he and staff toured the Metter Intermediate/Metter Middle School campus and identified surplus items that we would like to have.

Mayor Trapnell gave an update on the 3rd Quarter Woodpecker Trail Meeting held on Thursday, July 17th at 10:00 a.m.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Mr. Mosley reported that the LMIG and TIA Projects are complete.

Mr. Mosley informed mayor and council that he sent notices to GDOT on two projects.

Fire Department Report

Chief Douglas submitted a written report.

Police Department Report

Chief Nelson submitted a written report.

Public Works Report

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

Metter Classic Main Street Report

Mrs. Riggs went over her written report with mayor and council. She also provided mayor and council with an Annual Visitor/Hotel Revenue/Tax Revenue Tracking Report for the Metter Welcome Center.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner reported that she and Mrs. Cindy Collins have completed the Management Development Masters Certification Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a real estate matter. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

After the executive session was complete, Councilman MacGregor made a motion to go back into open session. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

William M. Trapnell, Mayor