

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, September 15, 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 Clerk Angie Conner
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Chief of Police Dennis Nelson
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
Main Street Affiliate Program Director Jaime Riggs
Carvy Snell, Metter Advertiser

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Carol Smith – Pineland Mental Health
June DiPolito – Pineland Mental Health
Gatlin Holloway
Scott Whitley
Juan Taylor

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

Councilwoman Kilcrease gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to add an executive session for personnel to the agenda. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Councilman Boyd made a motion to add the millage rate presentation to the agenda. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Councilman MacGregor made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additions. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – August 11, 2014
Called Meeting – August 25, 2014
Called Meeting – September 1, 2014

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

GUEST RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Chester Flynt was listed on the agenda to share his concerns about alcohol license fees but was not present at the meeting.

Mrs. Carol Smith and Ms. June DiPolita were present at the workshop, prior to the council meeting. They were representing Pineland Mental Health. They were asking the city or county to provide them with space for no cost. Presently they are renting a building in Metter from Clyde Bruner. Ms. Dipolita informed mayor and council that there are 105 new people from Candler County. She said that last year they spent **\$647,549** on rent, lights, etc. She said that they are looking for ways to cut costs so that they will be able to keep the office in Metter open. Mayor Trapnell said that they are currently paying **\$2,000** per month for rent. In a conversation the office area of the Metter Middle School was mentioned and they agreed that this would be a good location. He said that they would be willing to pay **\$1,000** per month and assume their portion of the utilities. Council agreed to take this matter under consideration.

In the work session, Mayor Trapnell mentioned to council that he had received a call from a Mr. Vernon Young, who owns the property at 620 NE Broad Street. He is interested in getting rid of it and is offering it to the city. Council expressed no interest in obtaining this property.

In the work session, Mayor Trapnell made the following statements:

1. He reappointed Brian Tootle and Carvy Snell to the Candler County Industrial Authority for a new five (5) year period, ending December 31, 2018.
2. He is continuing to work with Tim Shughrou on a design for the metal from the World Trade Center. We will meet again soon.
3. He received a call from Captain Paul Rot advising our previous National Guard Company has been transferred to Ft. Stewart. The Captain advised a new company would be coming soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to amend the Code of Ordinances to allow for Sunday Package Sales and On-Premises consumption of malt beverages, wine and distilled spirits; to provide for adoption and an effective date; and to provide for other lawful purposes. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was three in favor and one opposed. Councilman MacGregor cast the opposing vote. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alcohol Beverage License Application – Avel Leon dba El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an application by Mr. Avel Leon, dba, El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant, for retail alcoholic beverage license for on premises consumption and pouring license for on premises consumption of distilled spirits by the drink at 1140 South Lewis Street. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Street Closing Request by Metter Community Fellowship Church

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to deny a request by Metter Community Fellowship Church to close North Rountree Street between SR 46 and Lee Street for a Feed the City event planned for Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to allow the closing of North Rountree Street between South Broad Street and North Broad Street and they could use the south side of the central park for the Feed the City event. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Pre-K Building

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Office (SRDEO) and the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI) to lease the Pre-K Building as an office for the regional drug taskforce. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Alterations to Pre-K Building for the GBI Regional Drug Task Force

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve making alterations to the Pre-K Building to make it more functional for the GBI Regional Drug Taskforce. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution to Set Weight Limits and Post Signs on Brannen Road

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a resolution to set weight limits and post signs for trucks traveling on Brannen Road. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion. Councilman Boyd said that he sees that as sign pollution in a residential area. Councilman MacGregor said he would like to see a petition of more than one complaint. The vote was one in favor and three opposed. Councilwoman Kilcrease cast the vote in favor of the motion and Councilman MacGregor, Councilman Boyd, and Councilwoman Colson cast the opposing votes. The motion was denied.

Set Date for Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to set the date and time for Halloween Trick-or-Treating for Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Millage Rate Set for 7.910

Councilman Boyd made a motion to set the millage rate at the roll-up rate as calculated by the Tax Assessor at 7.910. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trapnell invited the council to join him at the 2nd Annual State of the Community Breakfast to be held at the Willow Lake Golf Club on Thursday, September 18th at 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Trapnell invited the council to attend the City of Metter Hometown Connection with Senator Jack Hill and Representative Butch Parrish which will be held on Thursday, September 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Candler County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been received by GEMA and is now being submitted to FEMA for review and approval.

The City experienced vandalism in Lee Street Park; red paint was sprayed over the asphalt, signs, benches and across the courts.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Mr. Mosley worked with Railroad to correct an issue at Warren Peanut Company where a log truck had torn up pavement on Green Street.

Mr. Mosely sent a notice to Georgia Department of Transportation on the proposed sign placements.

Fire Department Report

Chief Douglas submitted a written report. He also announced that Gatlin Holloway and Juan Taylor have completed their Fire Fighter I and Hazmat Certification. Councilman MacGregor told the fireman how much he appreciates them. Everyone agreed.

Police Department Report

Chief Nelson submitted a written report. Chief Nelson reported that the field officers are equipped with cameras which were purchased with the technology fees. Also, as part of the new software package, we now have an electronic ticket writer which scan the driver's licenses, video tapes and also sends it automatically to the docket.

Chief Nelson also announced that he has applied for the Governor's Highway Safety Program and hopefully we will get awarded.

Chief Nelson announced that he has tendered his resignation and it was a very difficult decision. He will always look back on this great place. It is true that Everything's Better in Metter. This is a great community. Mayor Trapnell said that everyone will miss you and we wish you the best.

Metter Classic Main Street Report

Mrs. Riggs, Director of Metter Classic Main Street, reported the following:

- LOCAL First are up until November.
- Downtown business owners, building owners and supporters are coming together to start a revitalization program.
- Phase 2 light posts and bench purchasing program update: Plaques are in production now.
- The Chamber newsletter is currently highlighting all downtown business specials that are referred to the office by noon Thursdays. The newsletter also features any available downtown property that owners want to promote in the news.
- Tourism Product Development Grant was submitted on July 31st. If awarded the Welcome Center renovation and landscaping design project could receive a matching grant worth **\$40,000**. The grant recipients should be announced by the end of September.
- State of the Community Address, September 18, 2014 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Willow Lake Country Club.
- Candler County Harvest Festival and Centennial Ag Celebration, October 18, 2014.
- IHS Christmas Business After Hours, November 6, 2014.
- Sweet Southern Christmas Stroll date is tentatively November 13, 2014.
- Chamber Annual Auction & Gala, "Jingle & Mingle" – December 13, 2014.

Mrs. Riggs also distributed the tourism stats to the mayor and council.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner informed mayor and council of some GMA regional training opportunities from September 30th to October 31st.

Executive Session

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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After the executive session was complete, Councilman Boyd 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 Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

William M. Trapnell, Mayor