

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, April 13, 2015 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 Mack Seckinger
Metter Classic Main Street Director Jaime Riggs
Carvy Snell, Metter Advertiser

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Glynn Thrift, Chairman, Candler County Board of Commissioners
Marty Mercer, Candler County Jail Administrator

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Trapnell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:
Regular Meeting, March 9, 2015
Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendment to Article VI Finances Section 6.22 Fiscal Year of the Metter Municipal Code

An amendment to the **City of Metter Code of Ordinances Article VI Finances, Section 6.22 Fiscal Year** was presented to mayor and council for a first reading. This amendment proposes changing the fiscal year from **October 1 – September 30 to July 1- June 30**. The present fiscal year would end on **June 30, 2015** instead of **September 30, 2015** and the new fiscal year for 2016 will begin **July 1, 2015** and end **June 30, 2016**.

Ordinance Amendment Title 5.04 Occupational Taxes and Fees of the Metter Municipal Code

An amendment to the **Title 5.04 Occupation Taxes and Fees of the Metter Municipal Code** was presented for a first reading. This amendment has proposed changes to sections **5.04.010, 5.04.040, 5.04.120 and 5.04.130**.

Ordinance Amendment Title 5.161 Insurance Companies

An amendment to **Title 5.161 Insurance Companies** was presented for the first reading. This amendment has proposed changes to **Section 5.16.020 and Section 5.16.030**.

Contract with EMC Engineering

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve a contract with EMC Engineering in the amount of **\$21,725.00** to do engineering services for two water main extension projects. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This contract includes the following: a) Topographic survey of route along Aline Ave., Hwy 46 and Leslie Road to Hiawatha Street, b) Engineering designs involving extending a 6 inch PVC water main within the road right of way to Hiawatha Street, c) Topographic survey of route along Fortner Road and Lytell, d) Extending 6 inch PVC water main within the road right of way from Drew Ave. to Lytell Street, c) Construction Phase Services.

2016 LMIG Program – Streets Submittal

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the submittal of Fortner Road from W. Hiawatha Street for a distance of 1,700 feet to City Limits to GDOT for the FY 2016 LMIG Program. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Total estimated cost for this project is **\$54,944.00**. The City has an estimated **\$48,788.95** dedicated from the state for our 2016 LMIG. The City's match is 10 % for a total of **\$4,878.90**. This gives us **\$53,667.85** total dollars.

Contract Approval with Georgia Department of Corrections

Councilwoman Colson 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 (No increase from last year). Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bid Approval – Metter Ford – 2015 Ford Taurus

Councilwoman Colson, being an employee of Metter Ford, left the room for this discussion due to a possible conflict of interest. Councilman MacGregor made a motion to approve the low bid from Metter Ford for a 2015 Ford Taurus in the amount of **\$21,748.08** for the administration department. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. After this issue had been discussed and voted on, Councilwoman Colson reentered the meeting.

Bid Approval from Architectural Design – Playground Equipment – Jaycee Park

Councilman Boyd made a motion to approve the bid of **\$31,349.00** from Architectural Design to install children playground equipment in the Jaycee Park. This is not the lowest bid, which was **\$28,163.00**. (Of this amount, **\$15,000.00** will come from the Kaboom! Grant. The city budgeted **\$11,000.00**; this would mean that we would need to add **\$5,349.00** to the city's match. This money can come from the 2011 SPLOST funds. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trapnell gave updates from the General Assembly Legislature. There will be a **\$5.00** additional fee added to the hotel/motel charges per night. He said that local governments came out in better shape than when they started out.

Mayor Trapnell announced that there will be a Woodpecker Trail Meeting at City Hall on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Mayor Trapnell announced that he, Councilman Boyd and City Manager, Joseph Mosley will be meeting with Chairman Thrift, Commissioner Brad Jones and County Manager, Bill Lindsey to work on some city/county agreements. Also we will need a meeting of both full boards and the Board of Education.

Chairman Thrift said that we need to talk long-term. He said the landfill will last 15 more years then what are we going to do. If we close it, we have to monitor it for 30 years. Then we will have to put in a center or haul it somewhere else.

Chairman Thrift said that Jason Douglas, EMA Director, has applied for a **\$50,000.00** grant to go live with computers on the fire trucks and the ambulances. He met with 911 Services, Nancy Akins. The GPS system will save money on fuel and calls.

Chairman Thrift introduced Marty Mercer, the new jail administrator. He said that the county has 28 % of the prisoners in the jail and the rest belongs to the city, and we are still operating on an old agreement of **\$40,000.00**. We need to renegotiate this service.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Mr. Mosley reported the following:

- 1) The CDBG application has been submitted to DCA.
- 2) We have been reimbursed \$8,500 from GEMA for last year's storm.
- 3) The DCA GOMI survey has been submitted.
- 4) Sent out several code enforcement letters.
- 5) Metter Graphics has come up with a new flag design for the city.
- 6) We will be bringing Concerted Services back to the table to discuss money for rental space.
- 7) Moreland Alltobelli is working on getting the design stage completed.

Police Department Report

Chief Seckinger submitted a written report. Councilwoman Colson asked Chief Seckinger to explain the situation that he had with the jail at court the other night. He said that the jail refused to accept two inmates because the City had not paid the jail the money that was owed to them but we worked it out and they did accept the inmates. Mr. Mercer, Jail Administrator, said that was the only way he knew to get the city's attention. He said that he had sent invoices to the City but they had not been paid. He said the food bill itself is over **\$8,000.00**. Mr. Mosley said that he had recently received an invoice from the County but he did not pay it until a new agreement has been established. He said that right now we are still operating on the present agreement. Mayor Trapnell suggested that the City committee and the County committee meet to work this out.

Public Works Department Report

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

Better Hometown Report

Mrs. Riggs submitted a written report. She added that DCA is offering Downtown Development training here in Metter at the Depot for free. It is sponsored by the Archway Program. She said that she is working with three building owners who want to use tax credits through DCA for renovations. They are looking at the older designs.

Fire Department Report

Chief Douglas submitted a written report.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner reminded Mayor and Council of the GMA District 9 Spring Listening Session to be held on Thursday, April 23rd in Lyons at the Durden Building from 6 – 8p.m. She also went over the activities scheduled for Georgia Cities Week.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

William M. Trapnell, Mayor