

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

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

There were no guests present at the meeting.

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 Colson gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – June 15, 2015

Called Meeting – June 30, 2015

Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Fire Department Training Containers

There was some discussion about moving the Fire Department training containers to City property to do training exercises. By putting together a new training center, we can go down in our ISO rating to a 3. City Manager, Joseph Mosley said that they would continue to look for a solution and bring it back to council for discussion.

Dedication of the West Vertia Street Gym

Council discussed setting a time and date for the dedication of the West Vertia Street Gym. The date was set for Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Mosley said that the contractor will be providing lunch.

Routine Roads and Streets Maintenance

Council discussed cleaning and routine maintenance for the city streets and right-of-ways.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendment

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to amend Title 5.04 Occupational Taxes and Fees of the Metter Municipal Code. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This was the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Ordinance Amendment

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to amend Title 5.161 Insurances Companies of the Metter Municipal Code. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This was the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Gateway Signage Proposal

A new proposal from Whitfield Signs was received in the amount of **\$105,850.00**. This proposal consisted of 1 (one) type A sign, 3 (three) type B signs, 0 (zero) type C signs and installation fees. The total amount is still more than the budgeted amount in SPLOST. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this issue for further study. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution for Recertification in the GMA City of Ethics Program

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve a Resolution for Recertification in the GMA City of Ethics Program. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

GMA Lease Purchase Agreement

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve a GMA Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of **\$21,748.03** @ 3.390 interest to finance a 2015 Ford Taurus for the Administration Department. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Awareness2Cure 5k Run/Walk

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve a 5k run/walk on Saturday, June 18, 2016 by Dana N. Gibson of Awareness2Cure contingent upon them not getting on state routes and for Mr. Mosley to work with the group. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Amendment to the City of Metter's Purchasing/Procurement Policy

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to table for further review, the amendment to the City of Metter's Purchasing/Procurement Policy to add a section for Competitive Negotiation Qualifications-based Selection for Projects Using Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP) Funding. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trapnell announced that there will be a Woodpecker Trail Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. He also gave an update on the GMA Annual Convention held in Savannah, Georgia, which included the new Fireworks Ordinance.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Mr. Mosley did not have a report.

Police Department Report

Chief Seckinger submitted a written report.

Public Works Report

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

Main Street Report

Mrs. Riggs submitted a written report. She added that there were a record number of visitors at the Welcome Center in June. She informed mayor and council that Victoria Gaten's husband has been deployed to Kuwait.

Mrs. Riggs stated that there are major problems in the yard at the Welcome Center. Tree roots are causing problems along with high shrubs. There are also gators in the pond, which is dangerous. There is also a drainage problem in the parking lot which is a safety hazard.

Fire Department Report

Chief Douglas submitted a written report.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner did not have a report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Mosley explained some of the challenges that staff is facing trying to balance the general fund budget. We are still looking at several options. Council discussed setting a date for another budget workshop but never come up with a concrete date. Mr. Mosley said he would notify them and set up another meeting when we have some more information.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

William M. Trapnell, Mayor