

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, August 10, 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
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
Deputy Clerk Cindy Collins
Metter Classic Main Street Director Jaime Riggs
Carvy Snell, Metter Advertiser

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Kristin Miller – University of Georgia
Emily Hunt – University of Georgia
Angel Jackson – University of Georgia
Kiley Aguar – University of Georgia
Betsy McGriff – Archway Professional
Frank DeAngelo – Martin Rule & Associates
Harry Stevenson – Southeast GA Project Director of Alcohol Abuse Prevention Project
Glynn Thrift – Chairman, Candler County Board of Commissioners
Zima Mercer-Drake - Citizen

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

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda, deleting Item 8(a) under Old Business. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to approve the following minutes:

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

GUEST RECOGNITION (During Pre-Council Work-Session)

ARCHway Presentations for Relocation of Lee Street Park and Plans for the Medians

Ms. Emily Hunt, University of Georgia Student representing ARCHway, gave an overview of relocating the Less Street Park to the old elementary school grounds next to the proposed new police department. She also presented a proposal for removing the azaleas in the streets with medians and planting something that blooms and meets GADOT regulations.

Betsy McGriff, ARCHway Professional, informed council that she would be leaving Metter/Candler County. She will be here through September 1, 2015. She said she hoped to come back one day.

Alcohol Abuse Prevention Project

Mr. Harry Stevenson, Southeast Georgia Project Director of Alcohol Abuse Prevention Project, spoke on the dangers of underage drinking and adults hosting house parties where alcohol is served to teenagers. The main goal is to reduce underage drinking.

Bids for Proposed New Police Department Renovations

Mr. Frank DeAngelo, with Martin Rule & Associates, was present to announce the low bidder on the proposed new police department renovations. There were 6 to 7 bidders and the bids ranged from **\$312,000** to **\$401,000**. WBM Construction submitted the lowest bid in the amount of **\$312,100**. They are ready to proceed with the project.

Service Delivery

Mr. Mosley informed the council that the service delivery committee has met with Chairman Thrift and County Manager, Bill Lindsay. Councilman Boyd said that staff has been trying to come up with a formula to calculate services. Mr. Mosley said that we are looking at **\$20,000** plus per diem, Animal Control 60% and Fire 50/50 and allow for a two year phase-in. Mr. Mosley recommended that the City Council and the County Commissioners sit down to dinner one night to resolve some items.

Election

Chairman Thrift announced that the county is prepared to hold the November 3rd election for the City and the School Board. He said that the Sunday Sales issue has been placed on the ballot. Chairman Thrift informed the mayor and council that the Candler County School Board is also going to place ESPLOST on the ballot. He told the mayor and council that the county has an Election Board in place and they will hire an Election Supervisor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Low Bid to Resurface Lee Street and Pave Howard Road and Matthew Street

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the low bid of **\$288,245.30** from East Coast Asphalt, LLC to resurface Lee Street and develop Howard Road and Matthew Street as paved streets. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. These funds will come from LMIG and SPLOST.

Low Bid – Rehabilitation to Old MES Building Transitioning into New MPD

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the low bid of \$312,100.00 from W.B.M. Construction to do rehabilitation to Metter Elementary School (East Wing) to transition into a new Metter Police Department facility. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. These funds will come from SPLOST. The bid is good for 35 days.

Application for Retail Alcoholic Beverage License – Shaniqua M. Carlyle/Duke’s Corner Store

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an Application for Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for package sales for off premises consumption of beer and wine by Shaniqua M. Carlyle at Duke’s Corner Store at 288 North Trapnell Street. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

TIA Agreement – GDOT – West Vertia Street

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a TIA Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to pave West Vertia Street (HG-0173/PI#0011878) as a Band #2 project for the City of Metter. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR’S REPORT

No report.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager’s Report

No report.

Police Department Report

Chief Seckinger submitted a written report.

Metter Classic Main Street Report

Mrs. Riggs announced that Phase 3 streetscape architectural rendering will be proposed to Archway. The insurance office across the street from the Post Office opened. Community Web Portal is in final production and will be unveiled at the State of the Community Address in October. Sign Committee is working with GADOT and Whitfield signs on the Entrance Sign Project.

Mrs. Riggs also submitted a written report.

Fire Department Report

Chief Douglas submitted a written report.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner announced that the qualifying dates will run in the Metter Advertiser for two weeks. The dates for qualifying are Monday, August 31, 2015 – Friday, September 4, 2015.

The GMA Fall District 9 Meeting will be held Thursday, November 12, 2015 in Dublin at 6:30 p.m. The State Ethics Commission is offering free training for candidates and public officials on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 in Waynesboro.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a real-estate matter and a personnel matter. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to open the meeting. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to accept the evaluation and salary increase recommended by the City Manager, Joseph Mosley. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting for a budget workshop to follow. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

William M. Trapnell, Mayor