

**CITY OF METTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, September 14, 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:

Jamey Ellis

**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 adding Item F, Motion to lease or rent the new fire department property (old cleaners building) to McCord's Cleaners until he finds another building. 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 10, 2015

Called Meeting, August 12, 2015

Councilman Thomas seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**GUEST RECOGNITION**

Mr. Jamey Ellis was presented a proclamation for aiding in the arrest of the bank robber who robbed Sea Island Bank.

**WORK SESSION**

**McCord's Dry Cleaning Property**

City Manager, Joseph Mosley informed Mayor and Council that City Attorney Brent Carter is going to close on the McCord's Dry Cleaning Property next Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Mr. McCord is prepared to turn around and rent it from us for one month for \$400.

**Proposed Budget Updates**

Mr. Mosley gave the Mayor and Council some information on closing the revenue gap and proceeding forward toward adoption of the FY 2016 Budget. At the present time we have a deficit of \$213,147.00 in the General Fund. The following are options to balance the General Fund Budget:

| <b><u>Tax Proposal</u></b> | <b><u>Use of Fund Balance</u></b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 Millage Increase         | Fund Balance \$213,147            |
| 1 Millage Increase         | Fund Balance \$135,622            |
| 2 Millage Increase         | Fund Balance \$ 55,298            |

Council agreed to put the pay increases (which included the evaluations and the equity increases) in the budget and not to raise taxes and put the deficit in fund balance. According to a letter received from the city auditor there is enough money in fund balance to cover the deficit and to keep the necessary amount in fund balance. Mayor and Council agreed to begin the pay increases October 1, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Whitfield Signs – Sign Agreement**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a sign agreement with Whitfield signs in the amount of \$99,950.00 to erect welcome signs for the City of Metter. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Tree Board Appointment**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to appoint Mrs. Lucile Adams to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, whose term expires on November 14, 2015 and to appoint her to another three year term on the Metter Tree Board as requested by the Tree Board. This term will begin on November 14, 2015 and end on November 14, 2018. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Planning Commission Appointment**

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to appoint Mr. Greg Strickland to the Metter Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ronald D. Sikes, whose term expires on September 11, 2018. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Date for Trick-Or-Treat**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to set the date and time-frame for Trick-Or-Treat 2015 in the City of Metter on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Resolution – City of Metter Cafeteria Plan**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Metter Board of Directors for the Adoption of the City of Metter Cafeteria Plan. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**Rental Fee – McCord’s Dry Cleaning**

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to rent the McCord’s Dry Cleaning property, purchased by the City of Metter, to Mr. McCord for at least one month, giving him time to find another location, in the amount of \$400 per month. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Trapnell informed Council that the County Commissioners have been contacted about setting up a meeting for Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Trapnell attended the Georgia Chamber of Commerce 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Macon.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Manager’s Report**

The City did not receive the CDBG funding to rehab the Boys and Girls Club building. We will get the DCA comments to see where we failed.

**Police Department Report**

Chief Seckinger submitted a written report.

**Public Works Report**

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

**Metter Classic Main Street Report**

- Archway assistance has been requested for the DDA strategic planning retreat, date to be announced.
- Phase 3 streetscape architectural rendering has been proposed to Archway.
- Phase 2 light posts and bench purchasing program update: Bench plaques have been installed. Lamppost plaques have been installed.
- 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.
- Shop, Buy, Think, Dine Local FIRST Campaign in paper and Good Morning Metter enews.
- Community Web Portal is in final production and will be unveiled at the State of the Community Address on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Riggs will be meeting with DCA to discuss accreditation levels. Currently Metter is being reviewed at the same rate as communities with budgets such as Statesboro, Albany, and Columbus. The Better Hometown brand was distinguished and Metter has choices as to what level to remain in the Main Street program.

**Fire Department Report**

Chief Douglas submitted a written report.

**Administration Report**

No report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

After the discussion was complete, Councilwoman Colson made a motion to open the meeting. Councilman McGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**City Manager Contract**

Councilman MacGregor made a motion not to renew the City Manager Contract with Joseph Mosley. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was three in favor (Councilman MacGregor, Councilwoman Colson, and Councilman Boyd) and two opposed (Councilwoman Kilcrease and Councilman Thomas).

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk

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William M. Trapnell, Mayor