

**CITY OF METTER
CALLED MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016
12:00 P.M.**

A called meeting was held at West Downtown Park on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 12:00 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Pro tem Chyrileen Kilcrease
Councilman Ed Boyd
Councilman Gregory Thomas
Councilwoman Marsha Colson
City Manager Mandi Cody
City Clerk Angie Conner
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Metter Classic Main Street Director Jaime Riggs

Mayor Trapnell and Councilman MacGregor were not present at the meeting due to prior engagements.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Pro tem Kilcrease called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Colson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss construction, tree removal and plantings, and fountain design in the West Downtown Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Construction

Mr. Hendrix reported that 99% of the pavers are installed. The irrigation system has been laid out. Georgia Power has installed pedestals. The handicap ramps have been redone. There are three crosswalks made from stamped concrete. The remaining trees have been pruned. The arborist has reviewed the park. Now we have to do some more pruning. The arborist said that the remaining trees which are leaning could correct themselves. The pavers will be re-sanded and the uneven ones will be fixed. Mr. Hendrix said there will be 20 benches and 16 trash receptacles in the park. He is recommending that we do not allow vehicles in the park after construction is complete. Mrs. Riggs said that the festival vendors have known this for the past couple of years. She said we will have to work around it.

Fountain

EMC Engineering provided the fountain designs. The actual company that designed the fountain is Hall Fountain, Inc. There will be an in-ground vault that will house the controls. The fountain will have three LED lights. Council agreed they would like to hide the wiring and pipes. There will be a way to vacuum the pool. There will be a cover over the drain system and filters. There will be a 3/4 horsepower pump installed. The cost estimate provided by Hall Fountain, Inc. is \$22,010.86. We have prices for the cap stone from two vendors: Haddonstone \$7,586.00 and Southeastern Cast Products \$2,688.54. Mr. Hendrix said he would get color samples of the cap stone for council to review. Council agreed to use Southeastern Cast Products since their quote was so much less than the other one.

The old fountain base is sitting on a slope. The contractor can totally demolish the old fountain and put the new fountain back level. The present fountain is 16 feet in diameter and so is the new proposed one. The inside pool will be made from smooth concrete which includes sealer. There will be coping around the top.

Mrs. Riggs asked if the city could keep some of the old brick to use for a Best Brick Award each year. Mr. Hendrix said he could put some on a pallet.

Mr. Hendrix said to demo the old fountain and rebuild a new one with decorative brick will cost around \$20,000.000 to \$25,000.00. This is additional expenses that can be paid by SPLOST funds.

After reviewing the sample bricks, council agreed that they liked the Old Savannah Grey the best.

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to reconstruct the fountain using the Old Savannah Grey brick and a neutral mortar. Councilman Boyd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Boyd made a motion to accept the new fountain plan which includes the underground wiring and demolition of the present fountain and construction of a new fountain and leveling the surrounding deck area. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Trees

Mr. Hendrix, Ms. Cody and Council Members walked around the park and marked some more trees that need to be removed. They also looked at trees that need more pruning. Councilman Boyd made a motion to remove the approximate 10 trees as marked due to the fact that they are sickly, ugly or too close to other trees. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

William M. Trapnell, Mayor