

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025
6:17 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the city council was scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. but the meeting was delayed until 6:17 p.m. due to the overrun of the public hearing prior to the council meeting. The meeting was held in the council chambers at city hall.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilwoman Victoria Gaitten
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Gregg Stewart
Councilman James D. McKie
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
City Manager Scott Wood
City Clerk Angie Conner
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Planning Director Teresa Concannon
Police Chief McKinley Lewis
Director of Economic Development Heidi Jeffers
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
Taylor Crosby – Metter Advertiser

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Ben Johnson
Chad Zittrouer
Dave Burns
Beau Beasley
Cortney King
Audra Lee
Regina Sutton
Grady Franklin
Jody Burns
Evan Burns
Vera Collins
Jana Sasser
Jan Trapnell
Pam Brantley
Brad Jones
Clint & Natalie Turner
Juan Taylor

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman McKie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

City Manager Scott Wood gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- a) Public Hearing, Monday, July 14, 2025, 5:15 p.m.
- b) Regular Meeting, Monday, July 14, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

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

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

Guest Comments

There were no comments from the guests.

OLD BUSINESS

Election Agreement with Candler County

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the agreement between the City of Metter, Georgia and the Board of Commissioners of Candler County, Georgia to conduct elections for the City of Metter. Councilwoman Gaitten seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Zoning Ordinance Workshop

City Council agreed to set the date for the zoning ordinance workshop on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Rezoning Request

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve a request to rezone property located on East Hiawatha Street, east of the intersection with South Terrell Street (Tax Parcel ID: M56-001) from R-4 (Multi-Family Residential) to a Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD). The project consists of no more than 202 residential units (a combination of single family detached and

townhouses). Councilwoman Gaitten seconded the motion, and the vote was four in favor and one opposed. Councilman McKie cast the opposing vote.

Councilwoman Gaitten expressed her appreciation to the developer for listening to the citizens and revising the plan. Councilwoman Taylor expressed her traffic concerns.

Short-Term Rentals Ordinance

An amendment to the City of Metter's Municipal Code Title 3. Revenue and Finance, 3.18.010(b) Short-Term Rental Ordinance was presented for a first reading.

Urban Camping and Improper Use of Public Spaces Ordinance

An amendment to the City of Metter's Municipal Code Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places to include Chapter 12.18 Urban Camping and Improper Use of Public Spaces was presented for the first reading.

Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance

An amendment to the City of Metter Municipal Code Refuse Collection and Disposal Ordinance Chapter 13.16 was presented for the first reading.

Amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance

City Council discussed O.C.G.A. 3-3-11 Sale of Mixed Drinks for Off-Premises Consumption and the City of Metter 5.08.730 Removal of beverages prohibited. After the discussion, staff was asked to have the City Attorney to amend the City of Metter Alcohol Ordinance to correspond with O.C.G.A. 3-3-11.

TIA Band 1 Projects and 2024 LRA Road Projects

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the bid from Sikes Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,395,211.75 for ten streets for second round TIA Band 1 projects and the 2024 LRA Road projects which include resurfacing, utility improvements and drainage improvements. These projects will be funded by TIA 2024 SPLOST, and R&R Water & Sewer. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution Declaring Surplus

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a Resolution to surplus and sell the following vehicles and equipment:

1. A 2007 Freightliner M2106 Garbage Truck VIN# 1FVACXCSO7HY18104.
2. A 2017 Freightliner M2106 Garbage Truck VIN# 1FVACYCY6HHHY4524.
3. A 2020 International HV607 SBA (Knuckle Boom Truck) VIN# 3HAEJTAN2LL424622.
4. A 2001 International Navistar Street Sweeper VIN# 1HTCSABN81H351212. The sweeper's engine unit is bad, and the cost of repair is \$46,000.00. Too old to repair.
5. A Vermeer 1800XL Brush Chipper VIN# 1VRY131ZOH1002633.

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

2026 LMIG Program

Councilman McKie made a motion to approve the following as the 2026 LMIG Program submission:

1. High St. from W. Lillian St. to Central Avenue. Resurface 24' width roadway, adding centerline and edge line stripping and stop bars for an estimated cost of \$38,592.00.
2. Daniel St. from N. Lewis St. to Cedar St. Resurfacing 24' width roadway, adding centerline and edge line stripping and stop bar. Estimated cost \$88,780.00.

The city will receive \$89,080.84 in GDOT funds and with our 10% match we will have around \$97,988.93 for LMIG funding. We can use additional funds from our monthly TIA amount that we receive.

Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Landscaping Bid – Metter Welcome Center

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a bid from Southern Turf Management Services in the amount of \$5,940.00 annually for landscaping at the Metter Welcome Center. This is a budgeted expense in the FY 2026 Welcome Center budget. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Some members of council had concerns as to why the present streets and lanes department could not take care of this. They thought that this money could be used for something else since the budget was so tight. After some discussion, Mayor Boyd called for the vote. The vote was two in favor of the motion and two opposed. Councilwoman Kilcrease and Councilman Stewart voted in favor of the motion and Councilwoman Gaitten, Councilwoman Taylor, and Councilman McKie voted against. The motion failed.

Closure of S. Rountree St. for the Harvest Festival

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve a request to close South Rountree Street from South Broad Street to North Broad Street as requested by Communities in Schools for the Harvest Festival, November 8, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Alcoholic Beverage License – RaceTrac

Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve an application for retail alcoholic beverage license, package sales for off premise consumption of beer and wine submitted by Na-Lea Gregory on behalf of RaceTrac, Inc. DBA RaceTrac #2650 located at 1302 S. Lewis Street, Metter, GA contingent upon meeting all legal requirements and passing all Fire and Life Safety Codes. Councilman McKie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL

There were no comments from City Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Wood reported on the following:

1. City and County have adopted the FLOST. Mr. Wood encouraged council to think about the approach needed to get it passed by the voters.
2. Advertising for the City Manager position through the end of September.
3. Continuing with plans to build the new fire station at the current site. Total project cost \$4,500,000.00. Meeting with the architects to revise the plans. The cost for that is \$190,000.00.
4. Advertising for bids to tear down and remove the existing building. This will be presented at the next meeting.
5. Sanitation transition to Allgreen is going well.
6. Officer Johnny Carter was in a car accident and is recovering at home.
7. Mr. Wood informed Council that he will be out of the office some attending the GA Community Authority Board conference.
8. Informed council of the cash flow challenge due to the time of year.
9. Promoted McKinley Lewis from Interim Chief of Police to Chief of Police.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The departmental reports were included in the agenda packet for the council's review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boyd reported on the following:

1. Thanked visitors for their comments.
2. He congratulated Chief McKinley Lewis.
3. He congratulated Ms. Concannon for getting the housing project across the finish line. He thanked council for listening, thinking, and working through it.
4. He commented on the nice luncheon that staff put together for the public works employees.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further discussion, Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Councilwoman Gaitten seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Angie Conner, City Clerk