

**CITY OF METTER  
CALLED MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017  
8:00 A.M.**

A called meeting was held at City Hall on Friday, September 8, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the hearing were the following officials:

Mayor Billy Trapnell  
Councilwoman Marsha Colson  
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease  
Councilman Gregory Thomas  
City Manager Mandi Cody  
City Clerk Angie Conner  
Finance Manager Cindy Collins  
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix  
Police Chief Mack Seckinger  
Captain Robert Shore  
Fire Chief Jason Douglas

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Mayor Trapnell called the hearing to order and welcomed everyone.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation on Hurricane Irma by Fire Chief Jason Douglas**

Chief Douglas reported that Hurricane Irma is tracking to the left putting us on the east side of it at this point. Candler County is not evacuating. We have visited the nursing

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homes to make sure they had at least a three day supply of food and water. We have been checking with other agencies on staff, fuel, etc. We should start getting tropical winds on Sunday after lunch.

Chief Seckinger reported that the Metter Police Department has been set up as a shelter for city and county employees and their families. We have installed a generator and have food and water for up to three days. The police employees have been split into two teams that will overlap shifts until the storm is over. We have sand-bagged the lower doors at the training room. The traffic on the interstate is already terrible. We have already had a couple of fatalities on I16. The contraflow will begin Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Both of our exits will be open.

Chief Douglas said that the main concern is fuel. He said that the next meetings for updates will be at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Hendrix said that public works have been checking drainage ditches. All the equipment is full of fuel. We have checked all the generators. We have put equipment inside the building. We have picked up as much junk as we can to keep it from blowing. We are double checking everything.

Chief Douglas said that the city partnered with the county and we have a generator wired at one of the gas stations. We also have Stubbs Oil in Statesboro as a backup.

Mrs. Conner said that the administration department has been referring people to check with their own churches for shelter. Chief Douglas said that some of the churches are opening as Good Samaritan shelters which mean they are not guaranteeing food and supplies. Red Cross has opened a shelter in Dublin. They have food and supplies.

Chief Douglas said that the state plan is to get people past Dublin. Laurens County is the nearest Red Cross Shelter.

Chief Seckinger said that all the animals at the shelter have been fostered out until the storm passes.

Ms. Cody said that city staff are doing everything we can to be prepared. We are planning to open the shelter at the police department on Sunday at noon. This will be for city and county employees and their families. Pets are welcome as long as they are in a crate and have their updated shot records.

Ms. Cody said that once the wind speed reaches 45 mph she will be pulling employees off the road. While it is not safe they will shelter at the police department until it is safe again.

Chief Douglas said that last time the 911 system failed. They have issued an unofficial notice that it will probably fail again. We have set up phone lines at the jail as backup with a posted emergency number.

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Ms. Cody presented Mayor and Council with a resolution declaring a State of Emergency for inside the City of Metter. The Governor and the County Commissioners have already declared a State of Emergency. The resolution authorizes Mayor Trapnell and Emergency Management Director, Jason Douglas, to call a curfew for Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and they will evaluate the situation before lifting it. They can amend this as they see fit.

Ms. Cody said that all employees will be documenting their time and the equipment used in preparation of the storm and afterwards to present to FEMA for reimbursement.

Councilwoman Colson made a motion to approve the resolution of Emergency Declaration of the City of Metter. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Trapnell thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

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Angie Conner, City Clerk

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William M. Trapnell, Mayor