

**CITY OF METTER
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting was held at City Hall on Monday, March 10, 2014 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
Captain Calvin Walker
Carvey Snell, Metter Advertiser

Attending the meeting were the following guests:

Richard Deal – Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield & Deal CPA's
Jennifer Grooms – Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield & Deal CPA's
Glynn Thrift – Chairman-Candler County Commissioners
Mike Patel – Business Owner
Johnny & Laura Vines

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

Councilwoman Colson gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to approve the following minutes:
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Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

GUEST RECOGNITION

Mr. Richard Deal went over the results of the FY 2013 Audit Report with mayor and council in the work session before the regular meeting. The financial highlights are as follows:

- The City had total net position (assets exceeded liabilities) of \$14,283,808 at fiscal year-end.
- Total net position is comprised of the following:

- (1) Net investment in capital assets of \$10,100,330 includes property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding debt related to the purchase or construction of capital assets.
 - (2) Net position of \$1,796,673 is restricted by constraints imposed from outside the City such as debt covenants, grantors, laws, or regulations.
 - (3) Unrestricted net position of \$2,386,805 represents the portion available to maintain the City's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The City's governmental funds reported total ending fund balance of \$3,107,515, compared to \$2,426,871 in fiscal year 2012. This is a **\$680,644** (or 28%) increase.
 - At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,149,941, or 35.4% of total General Fund expenditures.

The above financial highlights are explained in more detail in the "financial analysis" section of the FY 2013 Audit Report located in the City Clerk's Office.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Loan Agreement – Georgia Environmental Financing Authority

Mr. Mosley presented a Loan Agreement in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Georgia Environmental Financing Authority to fund sewer expansion and sewer rehab projects in the City of Metter. Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the loan agreement as presented. Councilman MacGregor seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Georgia Forestry Commission Grant

Mr. Mosley presented a matching grant (50/50) from the Georgia Forestry Commission in the amount of \$5,000.00 to acquire a new brush pump and tank for the new brush truck. Councilwoman Kilcrease made a motion to approve the matching grant with the Georgia Forestry Commission as presented. Councilwoman Colson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution – Georgia Cities Week

Councilman MacGregor made a motion to adopt a resolution establishing the week of April 13th through April 19th, 2014 as Georgia Cities Week. Councilwoman Kilcrease seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Trapnell gave an update on legislation being considered at the Georgia General Assembly. He said that it looks like the proposed fractional SPLOST will come to be. Guns will be allowed in churches, bars, public buildings, etc. Early voting has been cut back from three weeks to one week; bigger cities can adopt a resolution to extend their time longer than one week if need be.

Mayor Trapnell gave an update on the TIA Program. There continues to be fewer minor changes in bands. There is a three year band. Cities and Counties are doing some trading -out on the band.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

Mr. Mosley reported that he has met with staff from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government to provide information for the compensation plan study.

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Police Department Report

Chief Nelson submitted a written report.

Public Works Department

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report. He reminded everyone that the Great American Clean-up will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

Main Street Affiliate Program Report

Mrs. Riggs was out of town, so there was no report. Mr. Hendrix showed the mayor and council the new banners that were purchased for downtown.

Fire Department Report

Mr. Hendrix submitted a written report.

Administration Report

Mrs. Conner announced that the "If I Were Mayor" essays have been submitted to Georgia Municipal Association.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk

William M. Trapnell, Mayor