

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 3, 2017 - 6 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Beth Johnston, Jason Luke and Jimmy Yarbrough

City Clerk: Stephen H. Sorrells

Assistant City Clerk: Katie Crane

Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Patrol Officer: Alan Stratton

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

1. Section 3-104.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Comer-Oaths: Motion by Council Member Johnston to adopt an amendment to Section 3-104.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Comer in which the oath required for officials is amended. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Council Member Johnston and Yarbrough voted for the motion. Motion approved.

2. Oath of Office-Council Member Elect Jason Luke: Council Member Elect Jason Luke took the oath of office as the District 2 Council Member.

3. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

4. Department Reports: Public Works Superintendent Gabriel reported that the water system was running good and test result for the sewer plant were well within limits. Rain getting into the sanitary sewer system continued to be a problem. The new sewer plant permit from EPD was forthcoming. He also reported that new street signs were purchased and replacements have begun.

Officer Stratton reported on the activity of the Police Department noting an increase in call volume and more security checks. Ms. Diane Satterfield questioned about the hours police were on duty. Coverage at the school was also discussed.

5. GEFA Water Line Replacement Project: Mayor Blackmon reported that the project should begin within the week.

6. Hill Street Lot Combination: Mayor Blackmon referenced a request by Arturo Trejo and Monica Alvarez to combine 5 lots along Hill Street into one parcel. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve combining the lots. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

7. Brickyard Rd Water Line Loop: Mayor Blackmon reported that the project was completed and the new water line was on line.

8. Sunday Alcohol Sales: Attorney Roberts presented Mayor and Council with a copy of state law stipulating that a referendum is required to approve Sunday beer and wine sales in Comer.

9. April 20, 2017 Called Meeting: Mayor Blackmon reminded Council that there would be a called on April 20, 2017 at 6PM.

10. Dog Waste Ordinance: Motion by Council Member Johnston to adopt the Dog Waste Ordinance presented by Attorney Jim Roberts with a fine for violation not to exceed \$500. Motion second by Council Member Luke. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

11. Additional LMIG Funding: Discussed.

12. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and potential litigation. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to go out of executive session. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

13. Police Chief: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to authorize Mayor Blackmon to offer Kyle Roberts the office of Comer Police Chief with a salary of \$16 per hour. Motion second by Council Member Luke. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to adjourn. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Jody Blackmon, Mayor

Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

Date Approved