

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 4, 2011 6 PM**  
**MAYOR MCMICKLE PRESIDING**

**P E N D I N G   A P P R O V A L**

**Council Members Present:** Laquita Bridges, Kevin Booth, Howard Threlkeld, and Jimmy Yarbrough

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts

**City Clerk:** Missy Queen

**Police Chief:** Brent Zellner

**Public Works Superintendent:** Willis Gabriel

**Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator:** Jim Baird (not present)

City Clerk Missy Queen called meeting to order.

**1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve the March 7, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**2. Department Reports:**

Water Department Reports by Willis Gabriel

- City has had far less complaints about water, think this is due to new chemicals.
- Received good from GRWA on fluoride assessment
- Mike Smith from Environmental Management Services stated our Waste Water Treatment Plant readings were good
- EPD fined the City \$300 for installation of aerator without their consent. Council Member Threlkeld questioned by we need to inform and get their permission. Mr. Gabriel stated that it is part of our permit. Mayor McMickle instructed Mrs. Queen to issue check to EPD.
- Making progress at walking track at park
- Request Council's approval to attend GRWA conference May 14-17 in Jekyll. Motion to allow Mr. Gabriel to attend conference by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Fire Department Reports by Jimmy Yarbrough

- Currently getting prices for concrete work about training area.
- Requesting City to pay for materials used for water line. Council Member Threlkeld states Council should stick to original motion made in January. Motion by Council Member Bridges for City to pay for materials. After discussion, motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by vote of Council. Council Member Yarbrough refrained from vote.

Police Department Reports by Brent Zellner

- For the month of March: 6 arrests, 21 citations, 15 incident reports, 181 calls for service
- City's had some vehicle break-ins in Scarlet Oak, PD has implemented extra night patrol in area.
- Park is being secured by PD at night and opened in morning. Council Member Threlkeld questioned the lights at the park and discussed quote given by Georgia Power. Council Member Threlkeld recommended Council to wait on lights until track is laid. Broad River Stone has offered gravel dust to be used on track at a discounted rate of \$7.00 per load. Mr. Gabriel informed Council that the bathrooms and picnic tables also need to be addressed.

City Hall Reports by Missy Queen

- All paperwork has been submitted to GDOT for reimbursement of City's 20%. Received delivery confirmation from Todd Wood of GDOT.
- Received delivery confirmation from GDOT of ADA Survey and Title VI Survey
- Work Session scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm with Carter & Sloope
- Payroll Audit for April 20<sup>th</sup>

- No complaints with new computer. Court is scheduled for next week and will know if all areas are working to satisfaction at that time.
- GEOA Training Schedule for May 22-25 in Savannah. Class for Elections Superintendent and Elections Manager. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve conference. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**3. Bids for Maple Street Property:** Motion by Council Member Booth to decline single bid City received and run ad again in a few months. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**4. Bids for Repair to City Hall:** City had three people show interest in project; only one turned in bid. Motion by Council Member Booth to decline bid and contact interested parties again with a better detail of the project. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**5. Bid for Backhoe/Bushhog:** Two bids were received for backhoe and one bid received for bushhog. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to decline bid for bushhog. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council. Motion by Council Member Booth to accept high bid for backhoe. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by Council. Council Member Yarbrough refrained from vote.

**6. Complaint by George Brett:** Council Member Yarbrough stated that Mr. Brett claims that the water line on his property is causing his backyard to sink. Council Member Yarbrough stated, yes, there is a drainage issue, but not one that is the responsibility of the City. Mayor McMickle with get with Council Member Yarbrough and Attorney Roberts to draft a letter to Mr. Brett.

**7. Executive Session:** Motion by Council Member Booth to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

After litigation discussion, Motion by Council Member Booth to go out of executive session. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

----- William D. McMickle, Mayor

----- Missy Queen, City Clerk

----- Date Approved