

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 2, 2010 6 PM**  
**MAYOR MCMICKLE PRESIDING**

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

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts

**Interim City Clerk:** Missy Queen

**Police Chief:** Brent Zellner

**Public Works Superintendent:** Willis Gabriel

Interim City Clerk Missy Queen called meeting to order.

**1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**2. Speed on College:** City Hall received a complaint of vehicles speeding on College. Attorney Jim Roberts to research speed bumps in residential area.

**3. Commercial Bank:** The Comer branch of the Commercial Bank is on hold until further notice from Commercial Bank.

**4. 2011 LMIG:** (Formally LARP) Motion by Council Member Booth to send list of proposed roads to GDOT to be included in the LMIG program as listed by priority: Clover Avenue, Spring Circle, Railroad Avenue, Madison Street, Kingston Drive. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**5. Millage Rate:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to keep millage rate at 4.4%. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**6. Travel Museum:** Mayor McMickle proposed a ribbon cutting ceremony for Saturday October 16, 2010 at 10AM. Council Member Booth stated he was unsure we would meet the deadline. Mayor McMickle to question contractor of progress to verify completion date. Council saw no problem with October date if work is completed.

**7. Department Reports:**

- Police Department—Reported by Brent Zellner
  - For the month of July: 8 arrests, 61 citations, 28 incident reports, and 5 accident reports.
  - School starts back this Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. An officer will be on traffic duty at the beginning and ending of the school day. Still working with GDOT, and BOE to help situation with traffic.
  - Brag on Officer Moody; he made a large drug bust over the weekend.
  
- Public Works—Reported by Willis Gabriel
  - EPD received the City's application for a permit to discharge treated wastewater. The City is ordered to post a public notice for 30 days at City Hall, which is on the bulletin board. At the end of 30-day period, EPD will make a determination on reissuance of permit.
  - DNR is taking our letter of response to a Notice of Violation into consideration. In September they will reevaluate the City's compliance status.
  
- City Hall—Reported by Missy Queen
  - State Ethics Training—August 25—Atlanta—no charge
  - Court Clerk Training—November 2-3—Athens—\$150
  - Newly Elected Official Training—February 18-19—Athens—\$325 (each for Mayor & Council Member Yarbrough)

- Motion by Council Member Booth to approve Ethics Training, Court Clerk Training, and Newly Elected Officials Training. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- Fire Department—Reported by Jimmy Yarbrough
  - Working with Fire Marshall and State Agencies to locate and approve a structure for training purposes. Currently looking at a structure on Gholston Street.

**8. Work Session:** Work Session scheduled for August 10, 2010 at 6PM at First Citizens Conference room.

**9. Weather Siren:** Council Member Yarbrough stated that he feel money would not be best spent if the siren was moved to the Fire Station as once discussed. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to keep the pole/siren where it is currently located and move the service to the mechanical room, with an outside control box. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to test the siren the first week in June and the first week in December. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**10. Work Log:** Council Member Threlkeld requested that Public Works keeps a generator log at the shop of when scheduled maintenance is completed.

**11. Complaint:** Council Member Bridges received a complaint from owners of Foodlane referencing the “chicken truck” that parks in the parking lot selling chicken. Interim City Clerk, Missy Queen, stated the owner of the “chicken truck” did receive a business license and had permission from the property owner to park his truck. Chief Zellner stated that if they have a business license and property owner permission there is nothing further that can be done.

**12. Executive Session:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

**13. Land Purchase:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to have Mayor McMickle offer Ms. Fouch \$4500 per acre on the 7.12 acres she is offering the City. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ William D. McMickle, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Missy Queen, Interim City Clerk

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