

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 14, 2017 – 6:00 PM**  
**MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING**

**Council Members Present:** Beth Johnston, Laquita Bridges and Jimmy Yarbrough

**City Clerk:** Stephen H. Sorrells

**Public Works Superintendent:** Willis Gabriel

**Police Chief:** Kyle Roberts

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

**1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**2. Department Reports:** Public Works Superintendent Gabriel reported that the water system was doing good and the sewer discharge reports have been will within limits. The repair parts ordered for the pump at the sewer plant lift station should be delivered within the next few days. The GEFA 2” water line and service line replacement project is on schedule despite the recent heavy rains. Despite problems with locates by other utility companies, damage to other utilities have been minimal.

Police Chief Kyle Roberts reported on the number of search warrants, felony arrests, citations, traffic stops, accident reports and other police activities in July.

Chief Roberts reported on the recent major drug arrest that has led to other cases. The FBI was brought in and resulted in a deputy from another county’s sheriff department being arrested on drug related charges.

Chief Roberts reported on the condition of current patrol vehicles and that Jackie Jones Ford had a 2016 Ford Explorer at a discount price. Motion by Council Member Johnston to purchase the vehicle. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**3. GEFA Project – Additional Financing:** Council discussed the additional financing request to GEFA for the purpose of extending the 6” water main on Main Street.

**4. Street Light Request just off Paoli Rd:** Mayor Blackmon reported that he had assessed the site for the street light request and recommended that one be installed on an existing power pole, subject to Georgia Power’s ability to power a light on that pole. General consensus of Council was to authorize the light.

**5. 2017 Tax Levy:** Council reviewed the proposed tax levy for 2017. The General consensus was to advertise the 5 year history with adjustment to the millage rate to allow for, at most, a very modest increase in tax billing.

**6. Police Seizure Account:** Mayor Blackmon reported that the Comer Police had seized cash in association with drug investigations and arrest. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to open a bank account with the First Madison Bank that would be a depository of these seized funds with the Mayor, City Clerk, and Police Chief as authorized signers on that account. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**7. 2018 LMIG Funds:** Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve the planned use of 2018 City of Comer LMIG funds as presented. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**8. Drinking Water Emergency Response Plan:** City clerk presented the first draft of the City of Comer Drinking Water Emergency Response Plan. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the draft. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**9. Damage to Gazebo:** Vandalism at the city gazebo was discussed.

**10. Election Qualifications:** Mayor Blackmon reported on the upcoming election qualification.

**11. September Council Meeting:** General consensus of Council was to reschedule the September Council Meeting to Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6PM.

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

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Jody Blackmon, Mayor

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Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

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Date Approved