

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 2016 - 6 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

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

City Clerk: Stephen H. Sorrells

Police Chief: Dennis Bell

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Department Reports: Police Chief Dennis Bell presented a report on the number of calls, stops, incidents, arrests, citations, accidents worked, warrants, DUI's, and warnings for the month of November 2016. Chief Bell commended Officers Roberts and Jackson on their community policing, policing at the school and security coverage on the day of the parade.

Public Works Superintendent Gabriel reported that the water system was doing very good but a section of an arial sewer line had to be repaired because of problems with the supports.

3. GEFA Loan Project: Mayor Blackmon reported that the bids for the water system improvements financed through a GEFA Loan were opened on December 15, 2016. The low bid was Dodd Construction and the project engineer, Matt Smith P.E., recommended awarding the bid to Dodd Construction based on their base bid of \$239,848. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to award the construction of the project to Dodd Construction. Motion Second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

4. Beer and Wine License for 2017: Motion by Council Member Johnston to approve a 2017 Beer and Wine License to La Cabana De Comer, Inc. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

5. Budget Amendment Resolution: Motion by Council Member Bridges to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Comer to amend the 2016 City of Comer General Fund Budget to allow for actual revenue and expenditure totals for the year. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

6. January 2017 Regular Council Meeting: General consensus of Council was to reschedule the January 2017 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting to January 16, 2017 at 6PM.

7. Employee and Staff Christmas Breakfast: Mayor Blackmon announced that there would be a Christmas Season Breakfast for employees and staff on Friday, December 23rd at 8:30 AM.

8. Internet Service: Mr. Joathan Hardy and Mr. Chris Duran expressed their concern as to the quality of internet service to the Royal Oaks Subdivision area. Mayor Blackmon to research the issue.

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

Motion and second to adjourn executive session. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

10. Employee Resignations: Police Chief Dennis Bell and Officer James Jackson discussed their decision to submit their resignations. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to accept the resignations of Police Chief Dennis Bell and Officer James Jackson. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

11. Police Chief Interim Appointment: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to appoint Officer Kyle Roberts as the City of Comer Interim Police Chief effective immediately after the resignation of Chief Bell. Motion second by Council Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council. General consensus of Council was to allow Dennis Bell to be classified as a reserved officer and Officer Jackson to be classified as a part time officer after their respective resignations.

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