

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 18, 2017 – 6:00 PM**  
**MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING**

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

**City Clerk:** Stephen H. Sorrells

**Assistant City Clerk:** Katie Crane

**Police Officer:** Noah Hart

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

**1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Johnston to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**2. Department Reports:** Mayor Blackmon reported on the Public Works specifically noting the completion of the GEFA financed water line replacement project. Damage to Christmas decorations was discussed.

Mayor Blackmon referred Council to the written report for the Police Department prepared by Chief Roberts.

**3. Budget Amendment Resolution:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Blackmon to amend the 2017 Budget to account for end of the year expenditures and encumbrances. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**4. Budget for 2018:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the 2018 City of Comer General Fund and Water Fund Budget as presented. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**5. Beer & Wine License for 2018:** Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve a 2018 Beer and Wine License for Circle K. Stores, the Chevron Gas Station, and a 2018 Beer License to Ku's Foodlane. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**6. Transfer of Funds from Water Fund to General Fund:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to authorize the transfer of \$25,000 - \$30,000 from the Water Fund to the General Fund. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**7. Building Permit Request-Joey Wilbon:** Motion by Council Member Johnston to approve a building permit for the purpose of placement of a second manufactured home on a 2.81 acre lot on Clairmont Ave owned by Ms. Mary Martin. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**8. Purchase of Lot for Parking:** Mayor Blackmon reported that in an Executive Session during a Regular Meeting of the Comer Mayor and Council on November 7, 2017, a motion was made by Council Member Johnston, a second was made by Council Member Yarbrough and a vote was unanimous to purchase the lot immediately adjacent to city hall from Ms. Pat Hancock for \$25,000. He reported that the plan is to improve the lot for public parking.

**9. Employee and Staff Christmas Breakfast:** Mayor Blackmon reported that a Christmas Breakfast for City of Comer employees and staff is scheduled for Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9AM.

**10. Executive Session:** Motion by Council Member Johnston to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Johnston to go out of Executive Session. Motion second by Council Member Farren. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council

**Adjourn:** Motion by Council Member Johnston to adjourn. Motion second by Council Member Farren. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jody Blackmon, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

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