

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2006 7PM
MAYOR BURROUGHS PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Council Member Laquita Bridges, Council Member Kevin Booth, Council Member Howard Threlkeld, and Council Member Johnny Bridges

City Clerk: Stephen Sorrells

Public Works Superintendent: Gerald Kemp

Police Chief: Brent Zellner

Attorney: Victor Johnson

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2006 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting and the January 24, 2006 City of Comer Called Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Garbage Service: Motion by Council Member Booth to table any decision on contracting out the city's garbage pickup service until more information can be obtained. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

3. Downtown Development Authority Member: Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to appoint Ms. Jan Burroughs as a member of the Comer Downtown Development Authority. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

4. Public Hearing on Zoning Change Request-Mr. Cliff Chambers: Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to open a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining public comment on a zoning change request by Mr. Cliff Chambers. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Mr. Chambers requested that a 4.39 acre portion of his lot designated on the Madison County Tax Maps as 097 017 be rezoned from Madison County zoning designation AG to City of Comer designation RR. Mr. Cliff Chambers spoke in favor of the zoning change. No one spoke in opposition.

Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to close the public hearing. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

5. Annexation Request-Mr. Cliff Chambers: Mr. Chambers requested that a 4.39 acre portion of his lot designated on the Madison County Tax Maps as 097 017 be annexed into the city. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to annex the area as requested. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

6. Zoning Change Request-Mr. Cliff Chambers: Mr. Chambers requested that a 4.39 acre portion of his lot designated on the Madison County Tax Maps as 097 017 be rezoned from Madison County zoning designation AG to City of Comer designation RR. Motion by Council Member Laquita Bridges to grant the zoning change as requested. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

7. Subdivision Applications-Your Home Builders, Inc.: Council reviewed plans for a subdivision off Laurel Avenue.

8. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Sewer Line Rehabilitation: Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to incorporate city financed rehabilitation of a major trunk line into a CDBG application for the purpose of rehabilitating sewer lines in the Clairmont Avenue and Railroad Avenue area. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

9. Comprehensive Plan-Short Term Work Program Review: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of the City of Comer Comprehensive Plan Short Term

Work Program to the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center for their review. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

10. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element Meeting: Council noted that the meeting will be held on February 9, 2006 at 6:30PM the Madison County Government Complex courtroom.

11. HB 962 & 1101 Resolution: Motion by Council Member Booth to adopt a resolution in opposition to HB 962 and 1101. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

12. Sewer Availability Fees: Council reviewed correspondence concerning City of Comer sewer availability fees.

13. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Booth to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and personnel. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

14. Employee Pay Raises: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to elevate the salary of PWS Kemp to that of City Clerk Steve Sorrells and give every full time employee a 4% pay raise. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion withdrawn.

15. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Laquita Bridges to go into an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

16. Employee Pay Raises: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to give all employees a 3% pay raise retroactive to January 1, 2006. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

17. Baptist Church Building: Building code requirements discussed.

18. Street Lights: Discussed.

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

_____ William E. Burroughs, Mayor

_____ Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

_____ Date Approved.