

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 1, 2016 6 PM**  
**MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING**

**Council Members Present:** Laquita Bridges, Beth Johnston, and Michael Poole

**City Clerk:** Stephen H. Sorrells

**Public Works Superintendent:** Willis Gabriel

**Police Chief:** Dennis Bell

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

**1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Poole to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**2. Department Reports:** Police Chief Dennis Bell reported on a recent incident that involved an Officer with the Georgia State Patrol being shot. He reported on the number calls, incidents, arrests, citations, community service, and the time spent directing school traffic. Other issues discussed included proposed changes in the State Fireworks Ordinance and current Comer PD staffing.

Public Works Superintendent Gabriel asked that Council consider repairs to sections of streets that have been damaged due to recent harsh weather. He reported that the sewer system discharge parameters were in compliance but the flow was high due to recent heavy rains. A new water service tap was constructed for a new home on Stone Drive, a number of meters were replaced and the relocation of the water line was complete on Highway 98 E where the new Highway 72 – 4 lane will intersect.

**3. City of Comer Code of Ordinances Section 3-104 – Oaths of Office:** Mayor Blackmon asked that the City Attorney and City Clerk draft changes to Section 3-104.

**4. GEFA Loan 2016:** Mayor Blackmon reported that the GEFA Loan application was to be presented to the GEFA Board at their May Meeting. Approval is expected.

**5. Circus:** Mayor Blackmon reported that the circus was returning to the downtown park on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements for portable toilets were discussed.

**6. City Hall Lighting:** Motion by Council Member Bridges to retrofit the existing lighting fixtures in City Hall to more efficient types. Motion second by Council Member Poole. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council

**7. LMIG Funds for Safety:** Mayor Blackmon reported on a recent announcement by GDOT that additional LMIG Funds are available for off system street safety.

**8. Audit 2015:** Mayor Blackmon reported that Hawkins and McNair CPA's would begin their review for the 2015 City of Comer Audit on February 11, 2016.

**9. Proposed Traffic Light at 98/72 Intersection:** Council discussed the issue involving the placement of a traffic light at the new intersection of Highway 98 E and the new Highway 72 – 4 Lane.

**10. Mayor Pro Tem:** Motion by Council Member Bridges to elect Council Member Yarbrough as the 2016 City of Comer Mayor Pro Tem. Motion second by Council Member Poole. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

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

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

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