

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2006 7PM

MAYOR BURROUGHS PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Council Member Laquita Bridges, Council Member Booth, Council Member 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.

The first order of business included the swearing in of Council Member Laquita Bridges and Council Member Johnny Bridges.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2005 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Mayor Pro Tem: Mayor Burroughs recommended Council Member Johnny Bridges as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2006. Motion by Council Member Booth to accept Mayor Burroughs' recommendation. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Council Member Threlkeld, Booth and Laquita Bridges voted for the motion. Council Member Johnny Bridges abstained. Motion approved.

3. Council Standing Committees: Mayor Burroughs appointed the following council members as chairman of standing committees:

Water and Sewage : Council Member Johnny Bridges

Police : Council Member Threlkeld

Sanitation and Recreation: Council Member Booth

Streets and Sidewalks : Council Member Laquita Bridges

4. Appointment of City Attorney: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to appoint Attorney Victor Johnson as the City of Comer Attorney. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

5. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to close the executive session and return to the Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

6. Appointment of City Officials: Motion by Council Member Booth to appoint officials on staff as of December 31, 2005 for 2006. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Council Members Threlkeld, Booth, and Laquita Bridges voted for the motion. Council Member Johnny Bridges abstained. Motion approved.

7. Request for Annexation-Cliff Chambers: Procedure discussed.

8. Garbage Service: Mr. John Bellamy with Waste Pro presented a proposal for collection of garbage inside the Comer City Limits. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld table any action on the proposal. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

9. 2005 City of Comer Property Tax Rate: Motion by Council Member Booth to set the effective 2005 City of Comer Tax Rate at 4.7 mills. Motion second by Council Member Laquita Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

10. Request for Add: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to deny a request by the Madison County Touchdown Club for the city to purchase an advertisement citing concerns by the city attorney that such an add could be considered a gratuity. Motion second by Council Member Laquita Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

11. Employee Pay Raises: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to table a decision on employee pay raises. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

12. Construction of Maintenance Facility: Discussed.

13. Patrol Car: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to appropriate up to \$5,000 for the purchase of a used patrol car. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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.