

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2017 - 6 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Laquita Bridges and Beth Johnston

City Clerk: Stephen H. Sorrells

Assistant City Clerk: Katie Crane

Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel

Police Chief: Kyle Roberts

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Johnston to approve the minutes of the December 19, 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 Kyle Roberts introduced Officer Alan Stratton as a recently hired full time Police Officer and presented a copy of the two year employee contract with Officer Stratton. He also reported on the new pay period for newly hired Police Officers that would be extended to a 14 day, 12 hours per work day schedule. Chief Roberts presented a report on calls for service in December 2016 and a total of all calls for the year 2016. Chief Roberts suggested contracting with Madison County Magistrate Judge David Patton to perform bond hearings.

Public Works Superintendent Gabriel reported that EPD was reclassifying the City of Comer Wastewater Treatment Plant from a "Small System" to a "Large System." This reclassification would require additional sampling. He reported that the wastewater treatment plant and the water production were doing good.

3. Council Committee Appointments: Mayor Blackmon suggested the following Council Committee appointments for 2017:

Streets and Sidewalks: Council Member Johnston
Police : Council Member Bridges
Utilities : Council Member Yarbrough

Motion by Council Member Johnston to approve the appointments. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

4. 2017 Candidate Qualifying Fees: Motion by Council Member Johnston to set the 2017 Election Candidate Qualifying Fee at 3% of annual gross salary. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

5. Foodlane 2017 Beer License: Motion by Council Member Bridges to approved a 2017 Beer License to Foodlane. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

6. Line of Credit: Motion by Council Member Bridges to authorize Mayor Blackmon to establish a Line of Credit at First Madison Bank and Trust for the purpose of interim financing. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

7. City Staff Appointments: Mayor Blackmon recommended the following official and staff appointments for 2017:

Mayor Pro Tem: Council Member Jimmy Yarbrough
City Clerk: Steve Sorrells
Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel
Fire Chief: Johnny Bridges
Interim Police Chief: Kyle Roberts
City Attorney: Jim Roberts
Auditor: Jerry Hawkins

Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve the appointments. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

8. Call for Election: Motion by Council Member Bridges to call an election for March 21, 2017 for the purpose of electing a Council Member for District 2. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

9. GEFA Project: Mayor Blackmon reported that a pre-construction conference will be held on February 2, 2017 at 10PM at the Comer City Hall on the upcoming GEFA Water Improvement Project.

10. Brickyard Rd Water Line Loop: Mayor Blackmon reported that proposals for construction of the water line loop from Hwy 72 West to Brickyard Rd were due in by February 3, 2017.

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

Motion by Council Member Johnston to go out of executive session. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

Jody Blackmon, Mayor

Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

Date Approved