

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2018 – 6:00 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Laquita Bridges, Ron Farren, and Jimmy Yarbrough
City Clerk: Stephen H. Sorrells
Assistant City Clerk: Katie Crane
Police Officer: Alan Stratton
City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the minutes of the December 18, 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 that the Public Works employees have taken down the Christmas Decorations. Police Officer Stratton presented a report on the call volume for the Police Department for the month of December 2017.

3. Council Committee Appointments: Mayor Blackmon recommended Committee Appointments:

Parks and Recreation: Ron Farren
Water and Sewer: Jimmy Yarbrough
Public Safety: Laquita Bridges
Street and Sidewalks: Beth Johnston

4. Mayor and Council Qualification Fees: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to set the 2018 qualification fee for Mayor and Council at 3% of annual salary. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

5. Staff Appointments: With consent of Council, Mayor Blackmon appointed staff for 2018, being:

Mayor Pro Tem: Jimmy Yarbrough
City Clerk: Stephen H. Sorrells
Public Works Superintendent(Interim): John Howard
Fire Chief: Johnny Bridges
Police Chief: Open
City Attorney: Jim Roberts
Auditor: Hawkins and McNair CPA's
Engineering Firm: Carter and Sloope, Inc.

6. Acquired Property Adjacent to City Hall: Use of the area as a parking lot was discussed.

7. School Traffic: Discussed.

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

Motion by Council Member Farren to adjourn executive session. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

9. Vacation: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to amend the Code of the City of Comer to allow for three (3) weeks vacation after 20 years of employment. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

10. Retirement Program: Discussed.

11. Beer and Wine License: Discussed.

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

_____ Jody Blackmon, Mayor

_____ Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

_____ Date Approved