

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 11, 2011 6 PM**  
**MAYOR MCMICKLE PRESIDING**

**Council Members Present:** Laquita Bridges, Kevin Booth, Howard Threlkeld, and Jimmy Yarbrough

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts (not present)

**City Clerk:** Missy Queen

**Police Chief:** Brent Zellner

**Public Works Superintendent:** Willis Gabriel

**Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator:** Jim Baird

City Clerk Missy Queen called meeting to order.

- 1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve minutes from June 6, 2011 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
  
- 2. AAA Sanitation:** Matt Divalpa, president of AAA Sanitation, addressed Council. Mr. Divalpa expressed that he would like to see more recycling in Comer. States AAA handles all recycling except Styrofoam, which is no allowed in Georgia. AAA would also like to see a large decrease in the number of 50 gallon drums on the route. Stated AAA will dispose of the drums at no cost to customers or City of Comer. Mayor and Council advised Mr. Divalpa to work with City Clerk, Missy Queen, to draft an incentive letter to go to customers.
  
- 3. Department Reports:**
  - a. Public Works reported by Willis Gabriel:**
    - i. Utilities Company, cleaned water tank on June 10, 2011.
    - ii. Carter & Sloope, Inc. addressed Council in regards to the proposed installation of Blue Frog. Questioned Mayor and Council if they thought this would be a short term or long term solutions; and stated that if the City went with Blue Frog, the City would need to get approval from EPD. Mayor McMickle requested that Carter & Sloope, Inc. draft an overview of their thoughts on the Blue Frog proposal.
  - b. Police Department reported by Brent Zellner:**
    - i. For the month of June: 5 arrests; 42 citations; 19 incident reports; 2 accident reports; 230 calls for service.
    - ii. Officers have been showing a strong presence on Madison Street, Clover Avenue, College, Hwy 98, and Brickyard Road to help to reduce speeders.
    - iii. Officer Moody attended and passed classes help at the Training Center in Forsyth and is now certified to test marijuana.
    - iv. Annual Chief's conference is July 23-26.
  - c. Building & Zoning reported by Jim Baird:**
    - i. Few active permits
    - ii. One upcoming rezone
    - iii. Issued stop work in Royal Oaks
  - d. Fire Department reported by Jimmy Yarbrough:**
    - i. Questioned if hydrants had been repaired. Mr. Gabriel informed that work was complete couple months back.
    - ii. Council Member Threlkeld question if there should be on lock on the controls for the sprinkler system. Council Member Yarbrough stated he would look into it.
  - e. City Hall reported by Missy Queen:**
    - i. City is hosting the July Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday July 21, 2011 @ 7:30 AM. Maggie's Café will be catering.

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- ii. VRAG Conference August 21-24. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough for Election's Superintendent and Elections Manager to attend. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**4. Public Annoyance Ordinance:** Attorney Jim Roberts drafted a Public Annoyance Ordinance for Mayor and Council to review and determine Penalty and Punishment. Mayor and Council agreed to start with a warning. Mayor and Council instructed Ms. Queen to have Comer Municipal Judge to look over and provide input of Penalty and Punishment.

**5. Sunday Alcohol Sales:** Informed by the Secretary of State's Office that "the only thing a governing authority can put on a general election ballot would be a binding issue." Therefore, the City cannot have a straw vote on the ballots. Motion by Council Member Booth to add Sunday Alcohol Sales to the ballot and allow the citizens to decide. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**6. Millage Rate:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to keep millage rate at 4.4%. 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 Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

\_\_\_\_\_ William D. McMickle, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Missy Queen, City Clerk

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