

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 2, 2018 – 6:00 PM**  
**MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING**

**Council Members Present:** Jimmy Yarbrough and Ron Farren

**City Clerk:** Stephen H. Sorrells

**Police Chief:** Dennis Bell

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

**1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Farren. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**2. Department Reports:** Police Chief Dennis Bell reported on the number of calls in June. He mentioned that surrounding jurisdictions were having a greater number of burglaries than usual.

Chief Bell reported that his election as the District Coordinator for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety would result in the city receiving \$6,500 for addition equipment. He said that the Police Department expects the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> to be very busy noting that the cell phone hands free law went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Blackmon reported that, overall, water and sewer were doing fine. There are some problems with one of the lift station that the employees are working on. Recent hydrants repairs were also discussed. Keeping up with the grass cutting continues to be a challenge.

**3. CourtWater Software:** General Consensus of Council was to move forward with implementing the new software for police citations and court cases.

**4. LMIG Application for 2019:** General Consensus of Council was submit the same LMIG projects for 2019 that were submitted for 2018.

**5. Parking Lot Adjacent to City Hall:** General consensus of Council was to get a quote from Carter and Sloope to design and engineer the parking adjacent to city hall.

**6. Historic Cemetery:** Mr. Calvin Smith from the Comer United Methodist Church addressed Council on the need to repair the statue marking the grave of Mr. Fulcher and Mrs. Comer, the name sake of Comer.

Motion by Council Member Farren to pass a resolution appropriating \$500 for the repair of the marker. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**7. Executive Session:** Motion by Council Yarbrough to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and property acquisition. Motion second by Council Member Farren. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Yarbrough to go out of executive session. Motion second by Council Member Farren. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**8. Water and Sewer Rates:** Discussed.

**9. Surplus Equipment Sale:** Discussed.

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

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

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

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