

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

**Council Members Present:** Laquita Bridges, Howard Threlkeld, and Jimmy Yarbrough  
**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts  
**City Clerk:** Missy Queen  
**Police Chief:** Brent Zellner  
**Public Works Superintendent:** Willis Gabriel (not present)  
**Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator** Jim Baird

City Clerk Missy Queen called meeting to order.

- 1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve the May 2, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion Second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 2. DOT HWY 72 Bypass:** Matt Smith of Carter & Sloope, Inc. addressed Mayor Council and advised of options the City has in reference to relocating water lines under proposed HWY 72 Bypass (Phase 1). Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to accept Option B (DOT pays for the first 725 LF of water line at a cost of \$23,945; City pays for the steel casing under the bypass at a cost of \$14,250.) Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council. Mr. Smith reminded Mayor and Council that at any point between now and time of contract, the City could change their mind of option choice.
- 3. Waste Water Treatment Plant:** Bob Ward of Carter & Sloope, Inc. address Mayor and Council in regards to updates to the WWTP. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to table until July's Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 4. Department Reports:**
  - a. Police Department Reports by Chief Zellner**
    - i. For the month of May: 4 arrests; 27 citations; 13 incident reports; 2 private property accident reports; 194 calls for service
    - ii. Received complaints of speeders on Clover and in the last month had 8 citations and 1 warning for speeders. "Doesn't matter if you're local or not, we will enforce the speed limit".
    - iii. Mayor McMickle stated there has also been complaints on Madison and College. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to contact Danielsville and Sheriff's office to borrow speed trailers. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
    - iv. June 17-July 4 is Operation Zero Tolerance—this comes from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety.
  - b. Public Works Department Reports by Missy Queen**
    - i. Continuing to work on bleachers at Arnold Park
    - ii. Continuing to pick up limbs from storm
    - iii. Received quotes for new wand and software updates. Council Member Threlkeld is not in favor of the upgrade. After discussion among Council, is agreed that how things are being done now are working fine.
  - c. Fire Department Reports by Jimmy Yarbrough**
    - i. Nothing to report at this time.
  - d. City Hall Reports by Missy Queen**
    - i. Weather Siren testing scheduled for tomorrow (June 7, 2011) at Noon.
    - ii. Received inquiry if City would accept reduced amount for use of Travel Museum for meetings. Mrs. Queen was instructed to check with other municipalities to see if they offer reduced rates.

- iii. City Attorney, Jim Roberts, will compose language to place on ballots for November elections for Sunday Alcohol Sales.
- iv. Received bid for bushhog. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to accept bid for bushhog. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Council Member Threlkeld obtained from voting. Motion approved.

- 5. Chicken Alley:** Mayor and Council received complaints regarding the directional change made at last month's Council Meeting. Motion by Council Member Bridges to leave as is. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 6. EMS & UGA Sample Testing:** Mayor McMickle addressed Council to clarify why the City is using two companies to do the same testing. The City has had some reoccurring spikes in reading; therefore, the City opted to have UGA also take samples to have a comparison. City no longer using both companies, just EMS.
- 7. "Open Meetings" Update:** Attorney Jim Roberts advised Council to be careful of "cyber meetings", that these violate the open meetings law.
- 8. DOT Updates:**
  - a. DOT will be conducting a study to make crossing at SR72 and SR98 ADA compliance
  - b. Clover Avenue from SR 98 to Paoli will be the next LMEG project
  - c. A meeting will be held on Thursday in Atlanta to discuss the turning lane at Comer Elementary School
- 9. Citizen Comments:** Mr. Smith of 455 Clover Avenue addressed Council with Concerns of water back up on Clover. Council advised Mr. Smith that Public Works Supervisor, Willis Gabriel, will come to check out.
- 10. Blue Frog:** Council Member Howard Threlkeld addressed the Council. Blue Frog would like to meet with the Council on June 15, 2011 at 1:30 PM.

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

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

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

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