

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 7, 2016 6 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Laquita Bridges, Beth Johnston, and Michael Poole

City Clerk: Stephen H. Sorrells

Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel

Police Chief: Dennis Bell

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Poole to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Department Reports: Police Chief Dennis Bell reported on the number calls, incidents, arrests, citations, community service, and the time spent directing school traffic. Other issues discussed included proposed changes in the State Fireworks Ordinance, Comer PD staffing and the project of getting the patrol cars painted.

Public Works Superintendent Gabriel reported that the water line was installed across Hwy 72 W 4 lane, the city was getting good test results on the sewage effluent, and they were trying a new asphalt cold patch product to fill pot holes. Mr. Gabriel reported that one of the mowers caught on fire and the cost for repair.

Motion by Council Member Bridges to put the current Husqvarna mower up for bid and purchase a new mower. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

The condition of the tractor was discussed.

4. GEFA Loan 2016: Council discussed the progress of the GEFA Loan. General consensus was to pre-purchase meters so city workers could install as many as possible during the early spring.

5. Circus: Mayor Blackmon reported that the circus was returning to the downtown park on April 8th and 9th. Arrangements for portable toilets were discussed.

6. Municipal Court Judge: The process of appointing an alternate Judge for the Comer Municipal Court was discussed.

7. Condition of Clover Ave and Brickyard Rd: Damage to Clover Ave and Brickyard Rd that is a result of heavy truck traffic was discussed.

8. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Poole to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential property acquisition and 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.

9. Alcohol License: Discussed.

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

Subject to Council Approval