

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2017 - 6 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Laquita Bridges, Beth Johnston and Jimmy Yarbrough

City Clerk: Stephen H. Sorrells

Assistant City Clerk: Katie Crane

Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel

Police Chief: Kyle Roberts

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Patrol Officer: Josh Smith

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Johnston to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Department Reports: Police Chief Roberts reported on the number of calls for service in February specifically noting the increase in activity over past years.

Public Works Superintendent Gabriel reported that the water system received a good report from an inspection from EPD and that sewer discharge test results were well within limits in February. He reported that construction of the Brickyard Rd loop was scheduled to begin March 13th and the water line replacement project financed through GEFA is on schedule to begin in early April.

Mayor Blackmon commended the City of Comer Public Works Department and informed Council that the EPD rated the Comer Water System as Superior in their report.

3. Public Hearing-Paul & Barbara Bendzunas and TOOJOHN TA LLC: Mayor Blackmon opened a public hearing to accept comments on the rezone request referenced.

Paul & Barbara Bendzunas applied for a change in the zoning of a 0.594 acre portion of their property from RR to R1. They proposed that this parcel be split from the larger parcel designated on the Madison County Tax Map as Parcel 0084 072. No one spoke in favor or against the proposed zoning change.

TOOJOHN TA LLC applied for a change in the zoning of Madison County Tax Map parcel CO02 006 from C2 to BR. No one spoke in favor or against the proposed zoning change.

Mayor Blackmon closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve the zoning change request of Paul & Barbara Bendzunas. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the zoning change request of TOO JOHN TA LLC. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

4. Sunday Alcohol Sales: Mr. Howard Threlkeld presented a petition requesting the Comer City Council allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 PM to 6PM. Mayor Blackmon recommended that the voters be given the opportunity to decide this issue through a referendum and that the Comer City Attorney Jim Roberts research the proper procedure to make a decision. General consensus of Council was to have Attorney Roberts research and report back to Council.

5. District 2 Election: Election Superintendent Katie Crane reported on the upcoming election.

6: Dog Control in the Downtown: Mayor Blackmon requested that Council allow him to authorize Attorney Roberts to research potential ordinances that would address dog waste cleanup in the downtown. Council members offered no objections to Attorney Roberts researching the issue.

7: Additional LMIG Funding: Mayor Blackmon reported that the city hall had just received notice from GDOT that additional funds were available through the 2017 LMIG program. Cities were notified that they could apply for these matching funds that must be used to improve safety on city streets. Mayor Blackmon asked that Council and staff consider projects that potentially could be funded with these LMIG funds.

Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to adjourn. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Jody Blackmon, Mayor

Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

Date Approved