

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 2010 6 PM
MAYOR MCMICKLE PRESIDING

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

City Attorney: Chris McCormick, as representation for Jim Roberts

Interim City Clerk: Missy Queen

Police Chief: Brent Zellner

Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator: Jim Baird

Interim City Clerk Missy Queen called meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting, minutes of the April 15, 2010 City of Comer Called Council Meeting, and the minutes of the April 22, 2010 City of Comer Called Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Comer Cemetery: Council Member Threlkeld discussed the Comer Cemetery. Current committee members are Joyce Daniel, Jimmy Legg, David Legg and Gerald Kelly. According to documentation, there should be seven (7) members. Pat Hancock, Donna Adams, and Scott Hancock were recommended to add to committee. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to distribute copies of Cemetery documents to Council Members and help the Cemetery Committee get back on track. Motion Second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

3. Rezone Application—McFarland: David McFarland of 2180 Hill Street, submitted an application to rezone his property from AG to R1. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to go into Public Hearing. Motion Second by Council member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator, Jim Baird stated that the application passed the rezoning analysis, and recommended approval. No one spoke in opposition of the rezone. Motion by Council Member Booth to go out of Public Hearing and return to Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council. Motion by Council Member Booth to accept and approve the rezone. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

4. Rising Sun Youth Club: Jess Croya, president of Rising Sun Youth Club addressed Council. Mr. Croya spoke of the opportunities the Club lends to the underprivileged of the area. Stated that Rising Sun Youth Club does not receive any federal funds; they are self-funding, and are having a fundraiser at the Comer Fairgrounds, June 12th. Request the City to provide an officer for the event from 10 am – 11 pm. Motion by Council Member Booth to provide officer for event. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

5. Department Reports

➤ **Police Department reported by Chief Brent Zellner**

◆ For the month of April there were: 6 arrests, 39 citations, 18 incident reports, 4 accident reports, and 115 calls.

◆ Currently working 2 fraud cases

➤ **Public Works reported by Superintendent Willis Gabriel**

◆ Once test are completed, the City will know if the Well #3 rehab was a success.

◆ Other wells are producing adequately.

◆ Wastewater Treatment Plant is in compliance. Still waiting on follow up from UltraSonic distributor.

◆ Looking in to aerators for the treatment plant. Council Member Yarbrough would like to receive more information on this.

◆ Council Member Yarbrough would like to get Ricky Strickland rebuilding Wellhouse #3 as soon as possible.

- **City Hall reported by Missy Queen**
 - ◆ CPA, Jerry Hawkins, was at City Hall April 30 to finish up annual audit. Should be completed shortly.
 - ◆ GMA's payroll audit was completed on April 27th.
 - ◆ Still looking into our options with the VersaProbe software.
 - ◆ Will be out of the office May 13th & 14th.
- **Building/Zoning reported by Jim Baird**
 - ◆ Nothing new to report; still waiting on retro remodel from Commercial Bank
- **Fire Department reported by Jimmy Yarbrough**
 - ◆ 8 Training hours this past month
 - ◆ Should be receiving money from County on May 15th
 - ◆ Still working on training facility

6. Museum Committee Proposal: Mayor McMickle addressed council. Labor Day is the projected completion date for the Travel Museum. Mayor McMickle would like to propose a committee to take care of the “displays”. Travel Musuem committee will be Pat Hancock, Pat Reed, Jan Burroughs, and Laquita Bridges.

7. Citizen Concerns: Mr. Ewe Happek and Ms. Louise Wicker addressed Council with concerns of the new firing range for the Comer Police Department. Mayor requested that Mr. Happek, and Ms. Wicker, along with any other concerned citizens attend the June 7th Council Meeting and it would be addressed at that time.

8. “Children at Play”: Council Member Booth request that the City place “Children at Play” signs on Clover Avenue. Public Works Superintendent, Willis Gabriel, informed Council that the State is not allowing signs because of liability issues. Attorney McCormick will look into liability and return information to Council.

9. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Booth to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

After personnel discussion, Motion by Council Member Booth to go out of executive session. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

_____ William D. McMickle, Mayor

_____ Missy Queen, Interim City Clerk

_____ Date Approved