

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 7, 2011 6 PM
MAYOR MCMICKLE PRESIDING

PENDING APPROVAL

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

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

City Clerk: Missy Queen

Police Chief: Brent Zellner

Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator: Jim Baird

City Clerk Missy Queen called meeting to order.

- 1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve minutes from October 3, 2011 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 2. Pony Rides @ Parade:** Eddy Hatcher requested permission of Mayor and Council to offer Pony Ride the day of the Parade. He will have all Coggins certificates on hand and clean any and all waste. Motion by Council Member Booth to allow Mr. Hatcher's Pony Rides. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 3. Speed Bumps:** Council Member Booth stated that there was a petition made up from the residents of Clover Avenue to install speed bumps which was denied; therefore, he will not vote for speed bumps to be installed on Madison Street. Council Member Bridges stated she had received calls from Madison Street residents requested speed bumps **not** be installed. Council Member Yarbrough would like to see the issue continued to be handled by the Police Department. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to table discussion of installation of speed bumps. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 4. Department Reports:**
 - a. Police Department reported by Chief Zellner:**
 - i. For the Month of October: 12 arrests, 62 citations, 24 incident reports, 1 accident report, 187 calls to service/
 - ii. Request permission of Mayor and Council to host the December Task Force Meeting to be held at 6PM on December 9th in the Travel Museum. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to grant permission to host Task Force with a \$300.00 allowance for meal preparation. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
 - iii. SUV is currently in the shop due to ball joint repairs. Donation money will be used to incur the cost of repairs.
 - b. Public Works reported by Willis Gabriel:**
 - i. New Service at Anderson residence is complete and they have expressed satisfaction of the repairs.
 - ii. Equipment repairs need to be made. Mainly to: radiator leak in tractor; tank in chipper, and the bearings in the aerator.
 - iii. EPD visited the facility on October 5th and recommended more aeration/circulation.
 - iv. Mr. Gabriel requested clarity to the fact that they approved for Carter & Sloope, Inc. to write a letter to grant a permit to install a new aerator; once the permit is granted, is there also

permission to go ahead and install the aerator? Council Member Booth questioned the cost Carter & Sloope, Inc. quoted to produce said letter and instructed Mr. Gabriel to request quote from other firms. Discussed among Mayor and Council the lack of professionalism the City has received from Carter & Sloope, Inc. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to terminate relationship with Carter & Sloope, Inc. and request a final invoice by December 1. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council. Council instructed Mr. Gabriel to actively inquire of other engineering firms.

c. **Building & Zoning reported by Jim Baird:**

- i. No zoning matters at this time

d. **Fire Department reported by Jimmy Yarbrough:**

- i. Fire at Cemetery Circle and Pine Valley Farm Road
- ii. Concrete work completed at training facility.

e. **City Hall reported by Missy Queen:**

- i. Elections will be tomorrow (November 8). Had 37 early voters.
- ii. Newly Elected Officials Training: After tomorrow's elections newly elected officials will be required to attend the newly elected officials training. Forms will be sent in and copies will be given to the newly elected.
- iii. The City has received three quotes on installation of audio/visual equipment in the Travel Museum. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to accept quote from CHS. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- iv. No citizen attended to budget hearing. Motion by Council Member Booth to accept proposed 2012 Budget until the February meeting in 2012 to give newly elected official time to review. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- v. Reindeer that are put out every year for the parade are stolen every year. Questioned Council on how they wish to proceed this year. Council Member Yarbrough informed that Jody Blackmon has volunteered to make 8 new deer for the City.
- vi. Christmas tree that was planted earlier in the year is not adequate size for lighting. Questioned Council on how they wish to proceed. Council Member Yarbrough informed that Jody Blackmon has volunteered to get a tree and place in planter for the lighting.
- vii. Christmas Dinner. After discussion at last Council Meeting the Comer Volunteer Fire Department has made a motion at their meeting to have a Fire Department Supper catered by Kellie's Catering for the Fire Department and their families only. This supper will not include City Employees. Therefore, the City will have a luncheon for the City Employees, catered by Maggie's Café, at the Travel Museum. Fire Department personnel will be invited to Employee Luncheon.

5. Learning Center: Council Member Threlkeld addressed Council stating that the Learning Center is in need of repairs (ceiling tiles, bathroom tiles, water fountain and shingles). Willis Gabriel was instructed to acquire quotes for repairs.

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

William D. McMickle, Mayor

Missy Queen, City Clerk

Date Approved

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