

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 10, 2016 - 6 PM**  
**MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING**

**Council Members Present:** Laquita Bridges and Jimmy Yarbrough

**City Clerk:** Stephen H. Sorrells

**Police Chief:** Dennis Bell

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

**1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**2. Department Reports:** Police Chief Dennis Bell presented a report on the number of calls, stops, incidents, arrests, citations, accidents worked, warrants, DUI's, and warnings for the month of October 2016. Chief Bell reported that the Comer Police Department had received the Georgia Office of Highway Safety Award as the Police Department of the Year.

In the absence of Public Works Superintendent Willis Gabriel, Mayor Blackmon reported that employees had put up flags in honor of the upcoming Veterans Day. He reported that the workers have replaced a considerable number of meters the last few weeks, had done considerable chipping, and removed a tree near the railroad grade crossing on Main Street.

Mayor Blackmon ask Council to remember Mr. Gabriel and his family during this time because of the loss of his son and sickness of his father.

**5. GEFA Loan Project:** Mayor Blackmon reported that the GEFA Loan Water Project was on schedule.

**6. Hwy 72 Bypass:** Mayor Blackmon updated Council on the construction of the bypass.

**7. Beer and Wine License for 2017:** Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve 2017 Beer and Wines Licenses for Comer Valero, Circle K Store # 3349 and Naureen Ali, Sean Comer Management LLC. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**8. Budget 2017:** Motion by Council Member Bridges to approved the 2017 City of Comer General Fund and Water Fund Budget as presented. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**9. December 2016 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting:** With consensus of Council, Mayor Blackmon scheduled the December 2016 City of Comer Council Meeting for December 19, 2016 at 6PM.

**10. Comer Christmas Parade:** Discussed.

**11. Ambulance Service:** General consensus of Council was to continue to allow for space for the Madison County Ambulance on the Old Depot lot on Spring Circle.

**12. Old Depot Building-Police Department:** Chief Bell reported that on November 18<sup>th</sup>, local papers would be doing interviews for an article on the conversion of the Old Depot to the Police Department.

**13. Executive Session:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and property acquisition. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to adjourn executive session. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Jody Blackmon, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

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