

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2016 - 6 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Laquita Bridges and Beth Johnston

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 Bridges to approve the minutes of the September 12, 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 presented a report on the number of calls, stops, incidents, arrests, citations, accidents worked, warrants, DUI's, and warnings for the month of September 2016.

Public Works Superintendent Wills Gabriel reported that the semi-annual hydrant flush was in progress and it would take approximately three (3) days to get through all the hydrants. The extended time will be taken to insure the water tank maintains an adequate reserve. Mr. Gabriel reported that the sewer discharge numbers were excellent. He also reported on bulk water sales. Mr. Gabriel mentioned that the construction contractor for the new Dollar General was in the process of completing the sidewalk along Main Street.

3. Rezone Request-Ron Farren: Motion by Council Member Bridges to open a Public Hearing to take comments on a rezone request for Mr. Ron Farren. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Mayor Blackmon announced that Mr. Ron Farren requested the zoning of his lot at 2566 Stone Drive, Madison County Map and Parcel # 0097 017, be changed from R1 to R2. Mr. Farren spoke in favor of the zoning change. No one spoke in opposition to the zoning change.

Motion by Council Member Johnston to adjourn the Public Hearing and go back into the City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Bridges to approved the re-zoning request of Mr. Ron Farren. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

4. Minor Subdivison-Mark Poucher: Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve the minor subdivision of the lot at 46 Gholston Street owned by Mr. Mark Poucher. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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 and reported that there would be a lane shift on Hwy 98 during continued construction.

7. Budget 2017: Mayor Blackmon reported that a Public Hearing was held on the expenditure of public funds for 2017 and amendments to the 2016 City of Comer General Fund and Water Fund Budget. A work session on the 2017 Budget will be held on October 16, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

Motion by Council Member Bridges 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