

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 2017 – 6:00 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

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

City Clerk: Stephen H. Sorrells

Police Officer: Alan Stratton

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Department Reports: Mayor Blackmon reported that Police Chief Roberts was not able to be present and Mr. Willis Gabriel resigned as the Comer Public Works Superintendent. Items that would have been included in their reports will be addressed as agenda items.

3. Minor Subdivision Request-Dudley Hartel: Mayor Blackmon reported that Mr. Dudley Hartel has requested that his nine (9) acre parcel on the county tax digest as map number 0085-046 be subdivided into two parcels. Motion by Council Member Bridges to approve the minor subdivision as requested. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

4. Zoning Change Request – Ms. Lee Ann Stainback: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to open a Public Hearing to take public comments on a rezone request by Ms. Stainback to rezone Map and Parcel # CO01 002 from R1 to R3. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Ms. Stainback spoke in favor of the rezone request. No one spoke in opposition to the rezone request.

General consensus of Council was to go out of the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting.

Motion by Council Member Johnston table a decision on the rezone request. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

5: GEFA Financed Water Line Replacement Project: Mayor reported that phase 1 of the project was estimated to be 95% complete.

6. Highway 22 Water Line Extension: Council discussed with no action to amend current plans.

7. 2018 Budget: Process to adopt the 2018 Budget was discussed.

8. Water/Wastewater Licensed Operator: Council discussed options for the city to have a licensed water and wastewater operator.

9. Special Election: Election Superintendent Katie Crane reported that a special election would be held on November 7, 2017 to fill the vacant District 2 Council Seat. Early voting would be from October 16th – November 3rd.

10. Storm Damage Debris: Mayor Blackmon reported on the efforts to collect limb debris that had blown off trees during the latest storm associated with Hurricane Irma.

11. Circus: Mayor Blackmon reported that the circus would be in town on October 3rd and 4th.

12. Beer and Wine License – Quick Pantry #7: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve a 2017 License to sell beer and wine for Quick Pantry # 7. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

Motion by Council Member Johnston to go out of executive session. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Adjourn: 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