

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2011 6 PM
MAYOR MCMICKLE PRESIDING

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 (not present)

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 August 8, 2011 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 2. Scott Hancock:** Motion by Council Member Bridges to present Scott Hancock a gift certificate worth \$50.00 for his help in hanging pictures in Travel Museum. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 3. Sewer Rates:** Motion by Council Member Booth to table any discussion on raising the sewer rates until January since at least two seats would be replaced within Mayor and Council positions. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 4. STP Proposal:** As discussed at last month's meeting, the City needs to send a letter to EPD to request a permit to start the process of upgrading by installing an additional aerator. Willis Gabriel was instructed to contact John Evans to assist in composing letter. However, after conversations with EPD, letter must be composed and signed off on by an EPD Certified Engineer. Mayor McMickle proposed to Council that City Engineers, Carter & Sloope, Inc. compose letter. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to have Carter & Sloope, Inc. compose letter to EPD. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 5. Alley at 221 Georgia Avenue:** Council Member Yarbrough addressed Council for David and Bonnie Legg. The Legg's request that the alley be dissolved; it is on private property and the railroad will not reopen. Let it be known that the City does not own or main said alley, nor does the City have any right, title or interest in said alley.
- 6. Department Reports:**
 - a. Police Department reported by Chief Zellner:**
 - i. For the month of August, the department had 10 arrest, wrote 55 citations, 24 incident reports, 2 accident reports, and reported for 271 calls of service.
 - ii. The department has exhausted remaining funds from CJCC grant by purchasing two Tasers and a speed radar trailer.
 - iii. Madison County Fair will be in town next week. Off-duty officers will be working security at the Fair.
 - iv. Adjustments in Roster: Officer Bethel moved to Reserve status, and Officer Mosley moved to Part Time status.
 - v. P.O.S.T. Website Update class scheduled for tomorrow (September 22, 2011),

Chief and Court Clerk to attend.

vi. Publically express appreciation to the Danielsville Police Department for the loan of their radar trailer.

b. Building & Zoning reported by Jim Baird:

i. Mr. West has applied for well drilling permit. Council approval required prior to receipt of permit. Motion by Council Member Booth to grant permit. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

c. Fire Department reported by Jimmy Yarbrough:

i. Two fires this past month; one on Sims Street and one on Pine Valley Farm Road.

d. City Hall reported by Missy Queen:

i. Redistricting Map is not in compliance. Regional Commission to address for \$1,478.00. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to allow Regional Commission to prepare a redistricting map. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

ii. Comer Christmas Dinner scheduled for December 7, 2001. Will be at 7:00 PM in the Travel Museum. Mrs. Queen to get quote from caterers.

iii. Comer Woman's Club has requested that Mayor and Council have a float in this year's Christmas parade. They have also requested to use the Travel Museum to host the dignitary luncheon.

iv. Court Clerk Training Schedule for November 2 at the Georgia Center in Athens. Cost is \$150.00. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve class for Mrs. Queen to attend. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

v. Supplied Council with a proposed budget for 2012. Informed Council a budget hearing will need to be scheduled next month.

vi. Reminder that Early Voting will be from October 17—November 4. Poll Worker Training is scheduled for October 13 at 6:30 PM.

7. ROW at Southern Hardware: Attorney, Jim Roberts address Council requesting direction Council would like to proceed. Council Member Threlkeld instructed Mr. Roberts to talk with Lynn Kellum regarding ROW issues. Mayor McMickle stated that the City is not prepared to move forward without clarification. Mayor McMickle instructed Council Member Threlkeld to speak with Mr. Kellum and request copies of any information he may have, and scan copies and send to Mr. Roberts.

8. Speed Limit on Clover: Council Member Threlkeld addressed Council stating that the 25MPH zone on Clover is too slow. Mayor McMickle stating that residents are already complaining that there is too much speeding in Comer. Council Member Bridges stated that there are safety issues to consider. Council agreed to table discussion until research with DOT has been completed.

Motion by Council Member Threlkeld 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