

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 12, 2016 - 6 PM
MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Laquita Bridges, Beth Johnston, 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 August 8, 2016 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting and the August 29, 2016 City of Comer Called 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 August taking special note of the drug arrests made while working with the Madison County Sheriff's Department.
- 3. Mark Poucher & Mark Lytle Zoning Issue:** Issue concerning the zoning of property designated as CO02 004 and the intent to subdivide the parcel was discussed.
- 4. GEFA Loan for 2016:** Mayor Blackmon updated Council on the progress of the project.
- 5. Special Election:** Mayor Blackmon reported that no one qualified for the District 2 Council Position and the next election cannot be called until March 2017.
- 6. Highway 72 Bypass:** Progress Discussed.
- 7. Property Tax Rate for 2016:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to set the Effective 2016 Property Tax Rate at 4.4 mills. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 8. Rezone Request-Ron Farren:** Mayor Blackmon reported that a Public Hearing would be held on a rezone request by Mr. Ron Farren at the October 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.
- 9. Police Car Purchase:** Motion by Council Member Johnston to authorize the purchase of a new patrol car under state contract and retain all existing patrol cars. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 10. Executive Session:** Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

11. Police Officer Salary: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to increase the salary for Police Chief by 8%. Motion second by Council Member Johnston. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

12. Police Officer Promotion: Motion by Council Member Johnston to promote Officer Brooks to full time and set his pay rate at \$14 per hour. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

_____ Jody Blackmon, Mayor

_____ Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

_____ Date Approved