

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 13, 2017 – 6:00 PM**  
**MAYOR BLACKMON PRESIDING**

**Council Members Present:** Beth Johnston, Laquita Bridges and Jason Luke

**City Clerk:** Stephen H. Sorrells

**Public Works Superintendent:** Willis Gabriel

**Police Chief:** Kyle Roberts

**City Attorney:** Jim Roberts

Mayor Blackmon called the meeting to order.

**1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Johnston to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting and August 26, 2017 Called Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**2. Department Reports:** Police Chief Kyle Roberts reported on the number of search warrants, felony arrests, citations, traffic stops, accident reports and other police activities in August 2017.

Public Works Superintendent Willis Gabriel reported on the progress of the GEFA financed water line replacement project. Most of the services have been changed over. He reported on the phase of the project that would involve patching cuts in city streets.

Concerning storm damage, Mr. Gabriel reported that power to the Wastewater Treatment facility has been off.

Mayor Blackmon commended the public works employees for working extra to help with storm damage and their efforts to check in on senior citizens that might have been affected by the weather.

**3. GEFA Project – Hwy 22 Addition:** Motion by Council Member Johnston to limit the Hwy 22 addition of a 6” main construction to a point that would leave less than 1,000 feet of the existing 2” PVC to service the customers from the Windstream warehouse out to the city limits. Motion second by Council Member Luke. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**4. 2017 Tax Levy:** Mayor Blackmon reported that the 5 year history of tax levy had been published as required. Motion by Council Member Johnston to set the 2017 City of Comer Effective Property Tax Rate at 4 mills. Motion second by Council Member Luke. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**5. Removal of Storm Debris and Leaf and Limb Policy:** Mayor Blackmon reported on the efforts by the city to assist residents with removal of storm debris. The city’s leaf and limb policy was discussed.

**6. Madison County Fair:** Mayor Blackmon reported that the fair would be September 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Circus:** Mayor Blackmon reported that the circus would be downtown on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with three shows.

**8 Roof Damage to Depot:** Clerk instructed to initiated a storm damage insurance claim for damage to the roof at the depot.

**9. Council Member Resignation:** Council Member Luke submitted his resignation as Council Member for District 2.

**10. Call for Election:** Motion by Council Member Johnston to call for a Special Election on November 7, 2017 for the District 2 Council Seat vacated by Mr. Luke. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Council Member Johnston and Bridges voted for the motion. Motion approved.

**11. Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum:** Discussed.

Motion by Council Member Johnston to adjourn. Motion second by Council Member Bridges. Council Member Johnston and Bridges voted for the motion. Motion approved.

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

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

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