

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2007 7PM
MAYOR BURROUGHS PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Council Member Kevin Booth, Council Member Laquita Bridges, Council Member Howard Threlkeld, and Council Member Johnny Bridges

City Clerk: Stephen Sorrells

Police Chief: Brent Zellner

Attorney: Victor Johnson

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

- 1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Booth to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2007 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting with the exception of Item 20 concerning the City of Comer/Carlton Agreement. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2007 City of Comer Called Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

- 2. Zoning Ordinances-Parking Space Requirements:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to propose an amendment to the City of Comer Zoning Ordinances to stipulate parking space requirements in commercial districts that match those in the Madison County Zoning Ordinances with certain exceptions to parking space requirements for shopping centers. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 3. Commercial Activity in Residential Districts:** Mayor Burroughs reported that he investigated four (4) alleged violations of the City of Comer Zoning Ordinances where businesses were reported to be operating in commercial districts. 1) D&S Heating and Air operates his business off site but has a sign on his property that was in place prior to 1994 when the City of Comer City Council temporarily abolished sign ordinances; 2) Jimmy Crumbly was operating his auto repair shop prior to 1988 when the City of Comer City Council adopted zoning ordinances; 3) Albert Reynolds does not conduct business at his residence; and 4) Mr. Ralph Littleton has sold produce for over 10 years and understands that he can only sell produce grown on his property at the location and must apply for a rezone to offer products for re-sale.
- 4. Sub-Division Request-Phillip Fortson:** Motion by Council Member Booth to remove the item from the agenda until it is resubmitted. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 5. 2008 Budget:** Motion by Council Member Booth to table a decision on the 2008 Budget to the December 10, 2007 City of Comer Called Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 6. 2008 Beer And Wine License Application-Saving Grace Café:** Motion by Council Member Booth to grant a 2008 license to sell beer and wine to Saving Grace Café. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 7. 2008 Beer And Wine License Application-Ku's Foodlane:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to grant a 2008 license to sell beer and wine to Ku's Foodlane. Motion second by Council Member Laquita Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 8. City Hall Renovations:** General consensus of Council was to plan for the city to finance needed renovations to the city hall connector.
- 9. Christmas Work Schedule:** Motion by Council Member Booth to allow employees to take off Christmas Eve. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 10. Heat at Maintenance Building:** Discussed.

11. Called Meeting December 10, 2007: Mayor Burroughs reported that a Called Council Meeting will be held on December 10, 2007 at 5PM for the purpose of setting the 2007 City of Comer property tax rate and to consider the 2008 City of Comer Budget.

12. Sewage to Middle School: Construction Progress discussed.

13. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Booth to go into executive session for the purpose of considering potential litigation and discussing personnel matters. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Booth to adjourn executive session. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

14. November 6, 2007 Minutes: Motion by Council Member Booth to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2007 City of Comer Council Meeting as presented. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

15. Digging Permit for City Employees: Discussed.

16. Insurance Requirements for Contractors: Clerk instructed to put same on January 8, 2008 agenda.

Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to adjourn. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

_____ William E. Burroughs, Mayor

_____ Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

_____ Date Approved.