

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 2010 6 PM
MAYOR MCMICKLE PRESIDING

Council Members Present: Council Member Laquita Bridges, Council Member Jimmy Yarbrough, and Council Member Howard Threlkeld

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Interim City Clerk: Missy Queen

Police Chief: Brent Zellner

Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel

Interim City Clerk Missy Queen called meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Weather Siren: Fire Chief Johnny Bridges discussed with Council options for moving the weather siren currently located at the rear of City Hall. Siren will be removed during rehabilitation of livery building. Options at this time would be to move siren to center of town, near railroad tracks, or at the Comer Fire Hall. Council Member Yarbrough wishes to obtain more information and look into what surrounding cities are doing. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to table discussion until Council Member Yarbrough has more information. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

3. 2010 Census: Mrs. Thompson from the Atlanta Census office addressed the Council and Citizens present on the importance of the 2010 Census. Participation in the census will help with the progression of our community. April 1 is Census day and all are encouraged to participate.

4. Clifford Craig--Alley: Mr. Craig stated that the alley beside his house has very deep gullies. Public Works Superintendent Gabriel stated that with all the rain we've had and that yet to come doesn't help; the rain water is coming in from a higher elevation and cuts down the alley. Mr. Gabriel and Council Member Yarbrough agreed to meet in the morning on location to discuss possible solutions.

5. Royal Oaks Homeowners Organization: Mr. Scott Callaway spoke as representations for the organization.

- Informed Council that they are looking into a Neighborhood Watch Program and would like to partner with the Comer Police Department. Would like to set up a meeting when they have more information.
- A neighborhood clean up has been scheduled for March 13th, and would like to request a debris pick up on the 15th.
- Inquired if a permit was needed for a Community Yard Sale. City of Comer's ordinances do not require a permit.
- A box spring and mattress was left on the side of Brickyard Road, whose responsibility is this to pick up? This is not an item that AAA Sanitation will pick up. It is the owner's responsibility to dispose of properly.
- Phase III of Royal Oak Subdivision—What is the status of the dedication? Council Member Threlkeld stated that he would be in contact with Zoning Administrator Jim Baird and give the Homeowners Organization an answer at their monthly meeting.

- 6. Clerk Training:** Interim City Clerk, Missy Queen, informed Council of when she would be out of the office this month for training and the amount the training would cost. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve training and cover cost. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

7. Wastewater Exam: Public Works Superintendent, Willis Gabriel, informed Council that the Wastewater Exam is next month. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve cost of exam. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

8. Hill Street Trucks: City Hall has received several complaints in regards to large trucks on Hill Street traveling, speeding, and lack of room for a vehicle coming in opposite direction. Police Chief Zellner and City Attorney Roberts are looking into the situation. Council Member Yarbrough stated that he would talk to the owner of some of the trucks and advise of the speed.

9. Department Reports:

- Police Report presented by Police Chief Brent Zellner
 - For the month of January, Comer Police Department received 186 calls, arrested 9, wrote 29 citations, 21 incident reports, and 2 accident reports.
 - Meeting last week at Comer Elementary School went well and traffic is going smooth.
- Public Works Report presented by Public Works Superintendent Willis Gabriel
 - Wells are working properly; however Mr. Gabriel encouraged the Council to keep in mind an additional well site. May have an option at Well #3, but will also look into other possibilities to present to Council.
 - Still waiting on Sewer Discharge Reports.
 - Gathered prices for materials to install new irrigation meter at the old Gholston Estate. Council Member Threlkeld expressed that this option would be better than drilling under the highway. Council Member Yarbrough advised that work needs to be completed prior to summer.
 - Student from Madison County High School will began a work program with the City under Mr. Gabriel direct supervision. If for some reason Mr. Gabriel is out, student will report to Mrs. Queen.
 - Chemical Spill Training was not applicable to the City and recommends the SOP the fire department uses.
 - Public Works Training was extremely helpful and would like to continue to receive certification.
 - Ricky Strickland look at well house for Well #3 and gave a quote of \$1120.00 for repairs. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to allow Mr. Strickland to do repairs for quote given. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
 - Gave quote of \$2679. (received from Water Treatment & Controls Co.) to Council for replacement pump. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to purchase pump. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- City Hall Report presented by Interim City Clerk Missy Queen
 - Discussed with Council the monthly budget breakdown that will be presented each month. It is just an overview that can be broken down within each department.
 - Informed Council of leaks in roof and requested to receive estimates on repairs. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to get estimates on roof repairs. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

10. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

After personnel and litigation discussion, Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to go out of executive session. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

_____ William D. McMickle, Mayor

_____ Missy Queen, Interim City Clerk

_____ Date Approved