

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 9, 2007 7PM**  
**MAYOR BURROUGHS PRESIDING**

Council Members Present: Council Member Laquita Bridges, Council Member 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 Threlkeld to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2006 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 2. Mayor Pro Tem:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to appoint Council Member Booth as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2007. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 3. Council Standing Committee Appointments:** : Mayor Burroughs appointed the following council members as chairman of standing committees:
  - Water and Sewage : Council Member Johnny Bridges
  - Police : Council Member Booth
  - Sanitation and Recreation: Council Member Laquita Bridges
  - Streets and Sidewalks : Council Member Howard Threlkeld
- 4. Appointed of City Officials:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to re-appoint all city officials that were on staff as of December 31, 2006. Motion second by Council Member Laquita Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 5. CDBG-CHIPS Program:** Mr. Chris McGahee of the NEGRDC presented information on the CDBG-CHIPS program as a method to finance housing investment improvements.
- 6. Comer/Madison County Animal Control Ordinance:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to table any action on the referenced ordinance. Motion second by Council Member Laquita Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 7. Agreement for Sewer Service to the New Middle School:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to table any action on the referenced agreement. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 8. B&W License-Saving Grace Café:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to grant a 2007 license to sell beer and wine to Saving Grace Café. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 9. Line of Credit Authorization:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to authorize Mayor Burroughs to establish a line of credit in the event late tax billing require the city to borrow funds for operation with the stipulation that council members be notified before funds are borrowed. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 10. First Investment Corporation:** Mr. Clark Fleming requested that he be allowed to talk with City of Comer employees about their company's investment opportunities. General consensus of Council was to allow company representatives to meet with employees.
- 11. Learning Center Project:** Council Member Threlkeld offered an update on the progress of repairs to the Depot/Learning Center.

**12. 2007 Election Qualifying Fee:** Motion by Council Member Laquita Bridges to set the 2007 Election Qualifying Fee at 3% of salary. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**13. Agenda Amendment and Employee Salaries:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to amend the agenda to consider employee salaries. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Laquita Bridges to give a 3% pay increase to all employees retroactive to January 1, 2007. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

**14. Police Department Issues:** Items discussed included frequency of stops, work schedule, use of vehicles, and number of available patrol cars.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ William E. Burroughs, Mayor

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved.