

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

Council Members Present: Council Member Jimmy Yarbrough, Council Member Kevin Booth and Council Member Howard Threlkeld

City Attorney: Jim Roberts

Interim City Clerk: Missy Queen

Police Chief: Brent Zellner

Public Works Superintendent: Willis Gabriel

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator: Jim Baird

Interim City Clerk Missy Queen called meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

2. Weather Siren Update: Council Member Yarbrough stated that he had not received any further information. Stated that the City is looking at a minimum of \$3,000 to move the siren and is still questioning why we (City) needs to move it. Mayor McMickle will get in touch with the contractors to see if there is any way around moving it. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to table until April meeting. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

3. Phase III—Royal Oaks Update: Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator, Jim Baird, expressed that the cul-de-sacs were not built to specs and sent a letter to the developer stating such. However, the City can accept Phase III if the City receives a petition from the Developer for a variance, which the City received today. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to accept Phase III of Royal Oaks Subdivision with the stipulation that Royal Oaks Homeowners become a registered Organization with the County, and, that Royal Oaks Homeowners will be responsible for maintenance and repair of cul-de-sac. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council. Jim Baird will execute a letter to Mayor and Council as well as Homeowners with detailed language of dedication and conditional acceptance.

4. Royal Oaks Homeowners: Scott Callaway spoke as representative.

- ◆ Expressed tremendous appreciate for process and work being done to accept Phase III.
- ◆ Community Spring Clean up will be March 13th
- ◆ Community Yard Sale scheduled for April 3rd
- ◆ Officer Moody meeting with Homeowners to discuss Neighborhood Watch Program

5. GRWA—Annual Conference: Georgia Rural Water Association's annual conference is May 15-18 at Jekyll Island. Council Member Howard Threlkeld's registration cost is \$295. Motion by Council Member Booth for City to cover cost of registration. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

6. Department Reports:

- ◆ Police Department report presented by Chief Brent Zellner
 - For the month of February, the Police Department received 122 calls, had 7 arrests, wrote 36 citation, 12 incident reports and 2 accident reports.
 - Traffic at Comer Elementary School running smoothly
 - Working with Royal Oaks Homeowners to establish a Neighborhood Watch
 - Motion by Council Member Howard Threlkeld to amend budget for Police Department to add an additional \$5616 to salaries to allow for coverage on Sunday. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

- Chief's Conference is May 15-18, cost is \$435. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to approve cost of conference. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of council.
- ◆ Public Works report presented by Willis Gabriel
 - Water leak on Poplar addressed
 - Shared multiple quotes received for mowers. Council Member Threlkeld stated he had also received quotes. Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to allow Willis Gabriel to decide which mower would best fit the needs of the City with a budget of \$400. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council
 - Parts for Gholston Estate are in and will proceed with repairs when the weather cooperates.
 - Contacted Geologist, Dan Atkins, and Dan Elder with Oconee Well Drillers in reference to Well #3. Both agree to video the well before any action is done. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to table until April. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- ◆ City Hall report presented by Missy Queen
 - Completed and Passed Elections Training/Tests
 - CPA, Jerry Hawkins, started audit process.
 - Work has begun again in the Travel Center
 - Received notice that our grant paperwork has been received and all is in order. Now we just wait to see if the City is picked to receive grant.
- ◆ Building/Zoning report presented by Jim Baird
 - Currently a residential remodel in process
 - Travel Center is moving ahead
 - Windstream is almost completely out of old building, should start to see applications from Commercial Bank soon.
 - In process of revising Sign Ordinance
 - Working with Missy Queen to streamline all on-line ordinances and regulations.

7. Hill Street Repair: Awaiting more information from County Engineer Phil Munro. Road is currently open. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to table discussion until we hear from Mr. Munro. Motion second by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

8. Madico Lift Station: Mayor McMickle, Council Member Booth, and Council Member Threlkeld met with Ms. Knight of Madison County Board of Education. The City is ready to accept a quick claim deed when documentation is ready.

9. Proposed Leaf/Limb Policy: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to accept policy with the revision of omitting pick up schedule. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion rejected by Council Member Yarbrough. Motion passed by majority vote.

10. Proposed Household Garbage Policy: Mayor McMickle would like to put in writing the household garbage policy and make available to residents. Will have ready for Council to review and vote by next Council Meeting.

11. Possible Land Purchase: Mayor McMickle was contacted by Ms. Anthony inquiring if the City would be interested in purchasing land adjacent to property already owned by the City. Council agreed to allow appraiser to present information.

12. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

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

Motion by Council Member Yarbrough to appoint Deputy City Clerk, Missy Queen, to Interim City Clerk, and increase her salary by \$2,000. Motion second by Council Member Booth. 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