

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 8, 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

Public Works Superintendent: Jerry Kemp

Attorney: Victor Johnson

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

- 1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2007 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting with a correction to Item 3 that should have stated two police cars would be included in the sale. Motion second by Council Member Booth . Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 2. Sale of Surplus Vehicles:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to declare two(2) police cars as surplus and advertise for sale by sealed bid. The two vehicles to be sold are known as the slick top and unit 3. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 3. 2006 Audit:** Council Members noted that the 2006 Audit has been completed.
- 4. 2007 Animal Control Ordinance/Agreement:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to table further consideration of the Animal Control Ordinance/Agreement until the June City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 5. Rezone Request-Kevin Booth:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to table consideration of a zoning change request by Mr. Kevin Booth until the June City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Council Member Threlkeld, Johnny Bridges, and Laquita Bridges voted for the motion. Council Member Booth abstained.
- 6. Community Safety Check Program:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to fund the Community Safety Check Program with the understanding that , if the service is not satisfactory, the city will be entitled to a prorated refund. Motion second by Council Member Kevin Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 7. Customer Deposits:** Motion by Council Member Kevin Booth to authorize the use of a customer's utility deposit to satisfy any outstanding bill for water, sewage or garbage service. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 8. Discontinuance of Utility Service:** Motion by Council Member Laquita to require an additional deposit of no less than twice the average utility bill of the customer who's service has been discontinued for delinquent payment. The average shall be calculated using the greater of the average of the customer's past twelve(12) months utility billing or the average of customer's entire utility billing history. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 9. Speed Limits:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to table any consideration of an amendment to the city's speed limit ordinance until the June City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 10. Royal Oaks Subdivision Phase II Street and Utility Dedication:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to accept the street right-of-ways and water utility infrastructure of Royal Oaks Subdivision Phase II. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 11. Hill Street Subdivision Water Line Utility and Easement:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to accept the water utility infrastructure and easement along Hill Street from Clairmont Ave south approximately 1,700 feet. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

12. Purchase of Right-of-Way Request: Mr. Randall Bennett requested that he be allowed to purchase the unopened right-of-way adjacent to his property.

13. Police Officer Staffing: Police Chief Zellner reported that Officer Leverette had resigned. Motion by Council Member Booth to hire Mark McCarty as a full time police officer at a annual salary of \$26,000. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

14. Sale of Surplus Vehicle: Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges not to sell the police car known as Unit 3. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

15. Bids on Surplus Vehicles: Bids on surplus vehicles advertised for sale were opened. Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to accept the highest bid on each vehicle and, should the successful bidder not acquire the vehicle within ten(10) days of being notified that the bid has been accepted, the next highest bid shall be accepted until each vehicle is sold. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

16. Agreement for Architectural Services: Attorney Johnson presented a draft agreement with OJP/Architect, Inc. for the purpose of design of the Comer Museum and Welcome Center. Attorney Johnson recommended that the term "and abatement" be deleted from Article 2, Owner's Responsibilities,; that Article 6.6.3 be deleted, and the wording "The above rates will be adjusted annually on the first day of January according to the published change in the published cost of living index. The adjusted hourly rates shall apply to the hourly services provided under this agreement after that time." be deleted from Article 6.6.5. Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to approve the agreement with changes per Attorney Johnson's recommendation. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

17. Easement for Sewer Line-New Middle School Project: Discussed.

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.