

**CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 7, 2006 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

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 October 3, 2006 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting and the October 23, 2006 City of Comer Called Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 2. 2007 Proposed Budget:** City clerk reported that a public hearing was held to accept public comments on expenditure of 2007 City of Comer public funds. Mayor Burroughs presented to Council the 2007 City of Comer Proposed Budget. Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to table any decision on the 2007 City of Comer Budget until the December 5, 2006 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 3. Agreement to Provide Sewer to New Middle School:** Attorney Johnson presented a redraft of a proposed agreement with the Madison County Board of Education and the Madison County Industrial Authority to provide sewer service to the MADICO Park area. Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to table any decision on the agreement until the December 5, 2006 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 4. Variance Request by Butch Russell:** Motion by Council Member Threlkeld to open a public hearing to accept public comments on a variance request by Butch Russell. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Bld Inspector Jerry Kemp reported that Butch Russell had requested a set back area variance for the purpose of reconstructing an existing building on his property at 2336 Paoli Street. Butch Russell spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke in opposition to the request.

Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to close the public hearing. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to grant a set back area variance to Butch Russell for his lot at 2336 Paoli Street for the purpose of reconstruction of an existing building. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

- 5. Engineer for Downtown Project:** City clerk reported that requests for qualifications had been mailed to numerous engineering firms for the purpose of design and engineering of the downtown drainage project funded with Community Development Block Grant Funds. Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to accept the proposal submitted by Carter and Sloope Consulting Engineers. Motion second by Council Member Laquita Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 6. Surplus Equipment Sale:** Mayor Burroughs reported that a list of surplus equipment was being compiled for advertising to sell by sealed bid.
- 7. Comer BP – 2007 Beer and Wine License Application:** Motion by Council Member Laquita Bridges to grant a 2007 City of Comer License to sell beer and wine to Comer BP. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

- 8. Kangaroo Store – 2007 Beer and Wine License Application:** Motion by Council Member Laquita Bridges to grant a 2007 City of Comer License to sell beer and wine to the Kangaroo Store. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 9. Paving of Hill Street:** PWS Jerry Kemp reported that Mr. Roger Glass requested that he be allowed to pave Hill Street from the end of the pavement near the Hill Street/Clairmont Ave intersection south to the last house in the Hill Street Subdivision. The overlay would be tar and gravel. Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to allow the paving with the stipulation that all work would be done according to City of Comer, Madison County, and State DOT specifications concerning paving with tar and gravel overlay. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 10. Animal Control:** Mayor Burroughs requested that Attorney Victor Johnson draft an intergovernmental agreement that would allow Madison County to enforce the Madison County Animal Control ordinance within the Comer City Limits.
- 11. Selling of Christmas Trees in the Downtown:** Discussed.
- 12. Repair of Buildings:** Council discussed obtaining proposals for the repair of buildings on the lot at the corner of North Ave and Main Street.
- 13. Police Vests:** Progress on obtaining vests for police officers was discussed.
- 14. Learning Center Needed Repairs:** Discussed.

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

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

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

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