

CITY OF COMER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 9, 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

Attorney: Victor Johnson

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

- 1. Minutes:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting and the October 2, 2007 Called Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Laquita Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 2. Subdivision Regulations Amendments:** Attorney Johnson presented and reviewed draft of zoning ordinance amendments with Council.
- 3. Rezone and Subdivision Request:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to table all zoning and subdivision considerations until the November 7, 2007 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Kevin Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 4. 2008 Budget:** City clerk reported that a public hearing was advertised and was held on October 9, 2007 at 6PM to take public comments on expenditure of 2008 City of Comer public funds. No one was present to comment.
- 5. Sewer Collection System Update:** City clerk reported on recent activity to video sewer lines and the possibility of Georgia Rural Water Association removing roots and vacuuming debris from the lines.
- 6. Water Restrictions:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to notify City of Comer Water customers by direct mail that the Georgia EPD has declared a Level Four Drought Response for Northeast Georgia and the City of Comer would enforce these state water restrictions. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 7. Renovation of Building:** Council discussed issues involved in the renovation of the building attached to city hall.
- 8. Subdivision Approval Moratorium:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to extend the moratorium on approval of subdivisions until after the November 7, 2007 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.
- 9. Rezone Request:** Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to withdraw that part of the motion tabling the George Brett rezoning and to consider the rezoning request. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Booth to open a public hearing to consider a zoning change request by Mr. George Brett. Motion second by Council Member Laquita Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the zoning change request of Mr. George Brett.

Motion by Council Member Kevin Booth to table a decision of the zoning change request of Mr. George Brett until the November 7, 2007 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

- 9. Haunted House:** Council discussed a proposed haunted house and related signage on Gholston Street. General consensus of council have the zoning administrator draft a letter to the owner advising the owner of zoning violations.
- 10. Building Code Changes:** Building code amendments are to be considered at the November 7, 2007 City of Comer Regular Council Meeting.

11. Animal Control: Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to amend the agenda to consider animal control within the Comer City Limits. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to adopt an intergovernmental agreement with Madison County that would authorize the Madison County Animal Control officer to enforce the City of Comer Animal Control Ordinance. Motion second by Council Member Threlkeld. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to amend the City of Comer Animal Control Ordinance as presented by Attorney Johnson. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

12. Executive Session: Motion by Council Member Johnny Bridges to go into executive session for the purpose of consideration of hiring personnel. Motion second by Council Member Booth. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Motion by Council Member Booth to adjourn executive session. Motion second by Council Member Johnny Bridges. Motion approved by unanimous vote of Council.

13. Speeders on Clover Ave: Items discussed included installation of speed bumps and increased police patrol along Clover Ave in an attempt to reduce speeding along the street.

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

_____ William E. Burroughs, Mayor

_____ Stephen H. Sorrells, City Clerk

_____ Date Approved.