TOWN OF HOMER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2026

REGULAR MEETING
Mayor Cliff Hill called the meeting to order.
Present were James Dumas, Judy Harper, Debbie Massey, Todd Templeton, Stephen Parson, and Attorney David Syfan.
James Dumas gave the invocation.
Pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Hill.
David Syfan recommended adding legal matters to the agenda for the executive session.
Todd Templeton made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (6-0)
James Dumas made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026 and called meeting April 21,2026. Motion was seconded by Judy Harper and approved. (6-0)

Bid for paving Athens St and Lynn Dr.
Mayor Hill reported bid opening was May 4, 2026, 10 a.m. for the paving of Athens St. and Lynn Dr. One bid was received from Stratton and Sons Const. Inc. $316,394.88 which includes Banks County's part of Lynn Dr. This bid is lower than the estimated cost from KCI. Stephen Parson made a motion to approve the abovementioned bid. Todd Templeton seconded the motion and approved. (6-0)

Resolution (in support of City of Milton)
Attorney David Syfan discussed the resolution (attached) after which, Todd Templeton made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the City of Milton. Stephen Parson seconded the motion and approved. (5-0) James Dumas abstained from voting.

Resolution to establish a franchise fee.
Judy Harper made a motion to approve the resolution to establish a franchise fee applicable to holders of cable and video franchises issued by the state of Georgia (5%) Debbie Massey seconded the motion and approved. (6-0)

Dog ordinance to include PCD.
James Dumas made a motion to table for more research before making a decision. Motion was seconded by Todd Templeton and approved (6-0)

DDA
Rick Billingslea, Chairman of Downtown Development Authority reported the HVAC at Historic Homer has been replaced, ramp at the community center has been repaired and two windowpanes need repairing. Three bids have been received for the Roofing at the community center. Phil Holcombe of Woodman of the World, (recommended by Mayor Hill and Doug Cheek) is coming to look at project and then give a bid. The Holiday Festival event is on schedule, as always they need sponsors.

A letter has been received from Prevent Child Abuse Habersham stating they are actively looking for another place. Mr. Billingslea stated the lease agreement could be terminated within 60 days of receiving the letter. According to Ms. Linda she heard the DDA is searching for a full-time renter, which is not true. The DDA has offered, in lieu of the rent going up, they could help with fundraiser, this idea

was totally opposed. The center is used Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 3-7 (12 hrs. weekly) and is a great service for the children of Banks County. Todd Templeton asked if this is the Banks Co. Pathways. Mr. Billingslea said no. Banks Co. Pathways has branched away from Prevent Child Abuse Habersham.

Policies have been developed for the grant offered and the Yard of the Month. Max Sanders received the first Yard of the Month which includes a $25 gift certificate from Jax Shack.

Fees for using the community center are as follows: Weddings 2 days Friday and Saturday $200, Saturday Birthday party for half day $100, and all day $150.

A group of local pastors are working to have the Sunday School Celebration

They presently have $40,605.67 in bank account and all bills have been paid.

OTHER REPORT

Mayor Hill reported that he and 3 other firefighters traveled to South Ga to assist with the wildfires. They were there three days working with a great team that included Franklin Co., and Bold Springs among many others working from 8 pm till 8 am in shifts. James Dumas expressed being proud to be able to send help to other communities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Todd Templeton made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition, ligation, and personnel. Motion was seconded by Debbie Massey and approved. (6-0) 7:15pm

James Dumas made a motion to open regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Judy Harper and approved. (6-0) No decisions were made.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Ayers