

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Cheek asked for comments on the millage rate which was set to -0-.  
There being no comments the public hearing was closed @ 6:13 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Present: James Dumas, Cliff Hill, Jerry Payne and Attorney David Syfan. Absent: Sandra Garrison, David Dunson.

The invocation was given by James Dumas.

The pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Doug Cheek.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. (3-0)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Turk Street**

Mayor Cheek stated that he has met with Billy Turk and that he has a permit from the DOT to put in a new driveway that will go back to his property on Turk Street.

#### **2. Yonah Homer Well Site**

Mayor Cheek stated that the camera showed massive amounts of iron in the well. He stated they can flush it out and try to go back in with the camera again. James Dumas stated that he only went down about 140 feet, the well is over 500 feet deep. The geologist stated that it was just wasting money to try to go any further because they could not see anything. He is concerned about several things. The town could spend \$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00 to flush and chlorinate it then pump it for a week to see if clears up. Doing this gets into the cost of looking for another well. Cliff Hill stated that there was not enough water to pump it out and clear it. Mayor Cheek suggested that they look at a third spot on the Evans Street property and do another test site there. He stated that if that didn't work they could go back and look at the Yonah Homer well again. There is no back up at this point. The geologist has another site located to look at on the Evans Street property. Mr. Dumas stated that he would like to have a second well site if it was possible. Jerry Payne made the motion to look on the Evans Street property for another potential well site while they have the open loan. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (3-0)

#### **3. Water Rates**

Tabled until the October work session.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Millage Rate**

James Dumas made the motion to set the millage rate to -0-. Seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (3-0)

#### **2. Resolution to require people to wear face coverings on Town property**

**A resolution by the Mayor and Council requiring the use of masks or face coverings in property owned or leased by the town during the COVID-19 outbreak**

Attorney, David Syfan, discussed the resolution in depth. He stated that if they approved the resolution face coverings would be required in property owned or leased by the Town of Homer. Motion was made by James Dumas that all persons who enter Town Hall (all other town property is exempt) be required to wear masks or face coverings. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (3-0)

**3. Ordinance to require the use of masks or face coverings in public**

**An ordinance by the Mayor and Council requiring the use of masks or face coverings in public during the COVID-19 outbreak**

Attorney, David Syfan, discussed the ordinance. He stated that some cities have passed the ordinance and some cities have not passed it.

James Dumas asked who the enforcing agent was. He has heard that cities have passed it but nobody was enforcing it. He stated that he was hesitant to pass the ordinance at this time. Mayor Cheek stated that they could discuss this at the work session. Tabled until the October work session.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Update Hill Hotel**

Mayor Cheek stated that there is someone interested in buying the Hill Hotel and moving it 3 miles out of town on Yonah Homer. This building is not on the historic register. The options were to let them purchase and move the hotel or let it fall to the ground. They decided to let it be moved out of town.

**2. Update on new well**

Mayor Cheek stated that a bacterial test has been completed and they are waiting on EPD to give the go ahead on the well.

**3. Patching**

Cliff Hill made the motion to accept the bid from Garrett paving for the patching and paving on Hill Street, McCoy Bridge Road, Sullivan Drive, and Greasy Creek Street. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (3-0)

**4. Banks County Golf**

Attorney, David Syfan stated that representatives from BCG were wanting to meet with the Mayor and one or two council members to discuss an amendment to the planned unit development. They are wanting to meet the week of September 14, 2020. They are going to present an amended master plan to make sure that the council approves it in a predevelopment meeting. A date for the meeting will be given as soon as everyone agrees.

Work session October 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**CERTIFIED**

**TRACEY KING, ASSISTANT CLERK**

