

TOWN OF HOMER PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cheek stated the public hearing is to receive comments regarding the 2022-23 budget. There were no comments.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

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

The invocation was given by Jerry Payne.

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

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022, public hearing & regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Steven Mills – 977 Historic Homer Highway

Mr. Mills did not attend the meeting.

Mayor Cheek asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposition to the Alcohol application that has been submitted for 977 Historic Homer Highway.

Rob Mabry, Homer United Methodist Church representative, stated they are against the alcohol application because the church property line is only 25 feet from the convenience store property line, it is only separated by an abandoned street.

James Dumas asked about the classes that are held at the church. Mr. Mabry stated that the classes are middle and high school Christian Leadership classes that are hosted at the church.

Edward Strickland, Welborn Road resident, stated the convenience store is less than 100 yards from the Homer Presbyterian Church.

Scott Smith, Charity Baptist Church pastor and Christian Learning Center board member, spoke in opposition of the alcohol application. He stated that the Homer United Methodist Church hosts the Christian Leadership classes 5 days a week.

Budget 2022-2023

Mayor Cheek asked for any discussion regarding the 2022-2023 budget. After a brief discussion, Sandra Garrison made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 water budget in the amount of \$289,500.00. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (6-0)

Motion was made by Jerry Payne to approve the 2022-2023 general operations budget in the amount of \$625,300.00. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (6-0)

2022 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Referendum

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve the 2022 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Referendum and Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (6-0)

Contract for water line repairs

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Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the contract from Dodd Construction in the amount of \$814,585.00 plus contingencies. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (6-0)

James Dumas made the motion to use dedicated State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds this year and next year, and 2017 SPLOST funds to fund the water line repair project. Any additional funds needed will be from GEFA. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (6-0)

Writ of Certiorari and Bond

Attorney David Syfan discussed the Writ of Certiorari and Bond. He stated that BCG was aware of what they needed to do to appeal the PCD rezoning matter and they didn't meet the deadline to appeal, therefore, the rezoning should stand.

Reappoint Vicki Boling to the GMRC Council as Private Sector Representative

Motion was made by Jerry Payne to reappoint Vicki Boling to the GMRC Council as the Private Sector Representative. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (6-0)

Planning/Zoning Board members Doug Borders and Dave Gaddis – term will end June 30, 2025

Motion was made by James Dumas to reappoint Doug Borders and Dave Gaddis to the Planning/Zoning Board. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (6-0)

DDA – Bob Blackwell, Jr. term will end August 2022

Mr. Blackwell resigned in June of 2022. The Downtown Development board recommended Kellie Jones to replace Mr. Blackwell for the remainder of his term and a 4 year term ending August 2026. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to appoint Kellie Jones to the DDA Board with term ending August 2026. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (6-0)

Banks County Library Board – Vivian Parker

Motion was made by Jerry Payne to reappoint Vivian Parker to the Banks County Library Board. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (6-0)

Subdivision Regulations

Adam Hazel is waiting for a decision on the fees to be charged. No decisions were made. This will be discussed at the July work session.

Speed Limit sign on Scales Creek Road

Kellie Jones, Scales Creek Road resident, asked for the speed limit sign on Scales Creek Road to be lowered, people was using not seeing the speed limit sign as an excuse for speeding on the road. She also requested a No Thru Trucks sign be placed on the road "to save the pavement". The mayor and council will check into these requests.

Executive Session-pending litigation/possible legal claim

Motion was made by Jerry Payne to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 7:12 p.m.

Motion was seconded by David Dunson and approved. (6-0)

Roll call: Mayor Doug Cheek, Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, Cliff Hill, Jerry Payne, and David Dunson.

Executive session ended at 8:00 p.m.

No decisions made.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Carol Ayers, Clerk

Doug Cheek, Mayor