

**PUBLIC HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 13, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Cheek.

The hearing is to review zoning application #01-21 Amanda & William Bedford 250 Sycamore St. from R-1 to HB and a variance of 25 feet, zoning committee recommends approving the request. Also on the public hearing agenda is the 2021-2022 budget.

Ms. Bedford stated the property will be used for a commissary prep kitchen/food truck. They presently prepare cheesecakes.

No opposing remarks.

Mayor Cheek asked for comments regarding the Budget for 2021-2022. There were none.

Public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.
Present were Jerry Payne, James Dumas, and Cliff Hill (zoom & phone).
2. The invocation was given by Jerry Payne.
3. Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the minutes of June 08, 2021. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (3-0)
4. The pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Doug Cheek.
5. **Rezoning application #01-21**
William and Amanda Bedford @ 250 Sycamore St. From R-1 to HB. James Dumas read the Community Business ordinance and recommended the property be zoned Community Business instead of Highway Business. The business will be facing Blue Bell Street and will not be facing the main highway. Amanda and William Bedford agreed that the recommendation would be fine and they would still be able to conduct their business in the Community Business district. Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the rezoning application #01-21 from William and Amanda Bedford for property at 250 Sycamore Street from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to CB (Community Business). Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (4-0)
Variance application was also submitted for the property at 250 Sycamore Street. The request is to reduce the setback from 75 feet to 50 feet. Amanda Bedford explained that the setback reduction would allow them to build the building closer to the street, the topography of the land will not allow the building to be built farther back. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to approve the variance application requesting a setback reduction from 75 feet to 50 feet for the property at 250 Sycamore Street. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (4-0)
6. **AMEND BUDGET 2020-2021**
Mayor Cheek stated that the need to amend the budget for 2020-2021 is due to professional fees (due to litigation) and the reroofing of town hall. The total amount of the amendment is \$41,000.00. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to approve the amended 2020-2021 budget (\$41,000.00). The motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (4-0).

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7. BUDGET 2021-2022

Motion was made by Jerry Payne made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (4-0)

8. Intergovernmental agreement with Banks Co. for 2022 SPLOST funding

The projection for Homer is 6.20% (\$1,116,000.00) and is based on the 2010 population census.

Fund projects are: Fire--Pumper/Tanker truck, firehose, air packs, and turnout gear, Water/Sewer—replace water lines, construction of water infrastructure, equipment repair/replacement, Streets and equipment—Road maintenance, drainage structures repair, equipment replacement, Buildings—Public works office/storage building. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to approve the Intergovernmental agreement for 2022 SPLOST funding. The motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (4-0)

9. Well---Mayor Cheek is waiting to hear back from the adjacent property owners regarding the town purchasing some property for the new well site.

10. Roundabout SR98 @ SR164

Mayor Cheek stated that he spoke with Rob Mabry and there are no funds available for the project at this time.

Motion was made by James Dumas to go into Executive session to discuss employee pay scale. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (4-0) 6:42 p.m.

Motion to return to regular meeting was made by Jerry Payne, seconded by James Dumas and approved. (4-0) 7:00 p.m.

Jerry Payne made the motion to adjust pay for new hires to \$15.00 per hour and a 3% raise for all other employees. Adjustment will be effective on the pay period ending July 18, 2021. This includes employees who do not presently make \$15.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (4-0)

Fire Chief Cliff Hill was commended regarding the July 4th fireworks show.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ayers

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