

TOWN OF HOMER
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for zoning application #01-2025 was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek. Mayor Cheek said Leigh Allen submitted a rezoning application for 125 Waco Dr. from (HB) Highway Business with restrictions to (A) Agriculture.

Leigh Allen spoke as the owner of property saying she understands the buyers are wanting to build a barndominium and use the shop for their “toys”. They want to be near the golf course and possibly have cows on the back side of the property. She said she could not be held accountable for the buyers.

No comments against the rezoning.

The public hearing was closed 6:02 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cheek called the meeting to order.

Present were Sandra Garrison, Judy Harper, Cliff Hill, Stephen Parson, and Attorney David Syfan.

Mayor Doug Cheek gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

Sandra Garrison made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0)

Re-zone application #01-2025, 125 Waco Dr.

Cliff Hill made a motion to approve the re-zone application #01-2025, 125 Waco Dr. from (HB) Highway Business with restrictions to (A) Agriculture. Motion was seconded by Judy Harper and approved. (5-0)

Distilled spirits by the package sales

A public meeting will be on May 13th at 6 p.m. to hear from the citizens.

Right of Way Ordinance

Attorney David Syfan discussed the Utility Right of Way Ordinance. He stated that he added provisions to address the concerns of James Dumas. Sandra Garrison made a motion to approve the Utility Right of Way Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Stephen Parson and approved.

(5-0)

Council will need to set a fee for the Utility Right of Way.

Scales Creek Paving Project

Opening of bids for the paving of Scales Creek are due no later than 9 a.m. on May 5th and will be opened at 9:15 a.m.

Fire Dept

Cliff Hill reported the company is have problems finding a chassis. It will take approximately 7 days to build once a chassis is found. The 3,000-gal Mack Truck will cost \$468,500.00.

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Round about

Cliff Hill stated that the start date for the project will be sometime in January 2026. The project will cost \$700,000. GDOT is asking the town to pay \$68,611 to relocate the water lines. The mayor and council did not make any decisions regarding this request. They would like more information.

Water meter complaint

Mayor Cheek reported that the town will move Mr. Helton's water meter from Timberlane Street to Historic Homer Highway. A road bore will have to be done. The town will provide 400 feet of pex piping, move the water meter and give Mr. Helton the choice of ¾" or 1" meter at no cost him.

Mr. Helton said he appreciates the decision.

Mr. Teddy Roberts, adjoining property owner, said he was in approval of the decision. He requested the water meters to be replaced on Lots 10, 11 and 14 on Timberlane. He stated the meters were not replaced when the automatic read meter where placed. The lots were vacant at the time the automatic read meters were placed. He does not know why they were overlooked. He also informed council of dog problems on Timberlane Street. (Pitbull dogs)

DDA Report

Kelly Jones, DDA representative, updated the mayor and council on the upcoming events and happenings of the DDA. The Labor Day festival will be a 3 day event. Max Sanders band will be the headliner on Saturday night.

She reported that the church repairs are going well.

Mother-Daughter Princess Tea will be held on May 16, 2025. There will be a father-Son event in June.

Yard sale will be held on May 17, 2025.

UGA students will present their plans for the potential park on May 1st and 2nd, 2025.

Flowers will be planted around town when weather permits.

There will be a back to school event at the Community Center on August 2, 2025. School supplies and backpacks will be given away.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carol Ayers

Doug Cheek, Mayor