

**TOWN OF HOMER**  
**PUBLIC MEETING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 13, 2025**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Mayor Cheek called the public meeting to order. He advised that the public meeting is to receive public comments on liquor by the package sales in Homer. Mr. Stiles was in attendance to recommend the liquor by package sales. No comments against.

The public meeting was closed 6:03pm

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Cheek called the meeting to order.

Present were Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, Cliff Hill, Stephen Parson, and Attorney David Syfan.

James Dumas gave the invocation and the pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Cheek.

Cliff Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025, meeting. Sandra Garrison seconded the motion and approved. (4-0)

**Distilled spirits by the package sales**

No decision made.

**Planning and Zoning Board member.**

Sandra Garrison made a motion to appoint Matthew Ayers to the Planning and Zoning Board. Cliff Hill seconded the motion and approved. (5-0)

**Scales Creek Paving Project**

Cliff Hill stated the Scales Creek project bid opening will be on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>. One bid was submitted from Stratton and Sons Construction in the amount of \$579,474.00. Sandra Garrison made a motion to approve the bid from Stratton and Sons in the amount of \$579,474.00. James Dumas seconded the motion and approved. (5-0)

**Fire Dept**

Cliff Hill reported the company is have problems finding a chassis. They hope to locate one by the first of June.

**Round about**

Mayor Cheek stated GDOT is requesting the town pay (5%) \$34,305.00 for the relocation of utilities for the roundabout project. James Dumas made a motion to pay \$34,305.00 (5%) for the relocation of utilities for the roundabout. Stephen Parson seconded the motion and approved. (4-1)

**Contract with Banks Co. for water**

Motion was made by James Dumas to table until the next meeting. Stephen Parson seconded the motion and approved. (5-0)

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**DDA Report**

Rick Billingslea, DDA chair, updated the mayor and council on the upcoming events and happenings of the DDA. He reported Kelby Walkuski resigned due to relocating. The painting and repairs are happening at the community center. Planned events include a Mother-Daughter Princess Tea, May 16, 2025, Father-Son Hero date night to be announced, community yard sale May 17, 2025, back-to-school event at the Community Center August 2, 2025, and the Labor Day festival.

UGA students submitted their plans for the potential park.

Mr. Billingslea has applied for a Lowe's grant in the amount of \$27,000.

**Executive Session**

Sandra Garrison made the motion to go into Executive session at 6:47 p.m. Motion was seconded James Dumas and approved. (5-0) Roll call: Mayor Cheek, Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, Cliff Hill, and Stephen Parson.

Reopened regular meeting at 7:37 p.m. Roll call: Mayor Cheek, Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, Cliff Hill, and Stephen Parson.

All employees will receive a 5% raise with the exception of Glenn Bain. He will receive a 10% merit raise. All raises will be effective July 2025.

Tracey King will receive a \$1000.00 bonus for 25 years of service (April 2025) to the Town of Homer.

Carol Ayers will receive a \$1500.00 bonus.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Carol Ayers

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Doug Cheek, Mayor