

**TOWN OF HOMER
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14,2025**

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Mayor Cheek stated the Millage rate will be set at zero and asked for any comments. There being no comments the Public Hearing was closed @ 6:02PM

REGULAR MEETINGS

Mayor Doug Cheek called the meeting to order.

Present were Judy Harper, Cliff Hill, Sandra Garrison, and Stephen Parson

Rick Billingslea gave invocation.

Pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Cheek.

Cliff Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, meeting. Judy Harper seconded the motion and passed unanimously. (5-0)

MILLAGE RATE

Sandra Garrison made a motion to set the millage rate at zero (rollback of 2.670). Cliff Hill seconded the motion and passed unanimously. (5-0)

DERELICT PROPERTY

Donald and Yemetrius Gantt, owners at 499 Scales Creek Road, discussed their plans for the property.

Mrs. Gantt read a statement that she had written regarding the plan for a homeless veteran's home in the existing doublewide, the storage buildings turned into greenhouses to teach the veteran's how to grow their own food, one of the RV's on the property will be their office space. Attorney David Syfan explained that zoning is in place and they need to come into compliance with the zoning ordinance. He suggested they draw up a detailed plan explaining everything they want to do on the property.

Sandra Garrison suggested they clean up the property and come back to the Mayor and Council with their plan. Mr. and Mrs. Gantt agreed to produce a plan and submit it to the Mayor and Council.

POSSIBLE RETENTION POND ON EVANS ST.-NO DECISION

IGA WATER AGREEMENT

Attorney David Syfan will amend Banks County's agreement to include contract review every 3 years and a 4M gallon limit for the four systems.

INSURANCE FOR WATER CUSTOMERS—No Decision made.

Attorney David Syfan will research how other governments manage this.

AMEND BUDGET 2024-25 (Water & General total of \$192,000)

Sandra Garrison made a motion to amend the 2024-25 budget \$192,000.00. Cliff Hill seconded the motion and passed unanimously. (5-0)

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DDA REPORT

Rick Billingslea reported the Pumpkin Festival was a success. They served two hundred hot dogs, and it was \$500 under budget. December 6th will be the Christmas event with a theme of Joy to the World. Parade will be at 3pm lighting of the tree will be at 6pm. Financial report balance in bank \$54,405.57. Mr. Billingslea stated that the board voted to recommend Kazia Guynn to be on the Downtown Development Authority board. Sandra Garrison made motion to appoint Kazia Guynn to the DDA Board. Stephen Parson seconded the motion and approved. (5-0)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carol Ayers, Clerk

Doug Cheek, Mayor