

TOWN OF HOMER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14,2026

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cliff Hill called the meeting to order.

Present were James Dumas, Judy Harper, Debbie Massey, Todd Templeton, Stephen Parson, and Attorney David Syfan.

James Dumas gave the invocation.

Pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Hill.

David Syfan recommended adding legal matters to the agenda for the executive session.

Todd Templeton made motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (6-0)

Judy Harper made motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting. Motion was seconded by Debbie Massey and approved. (6-0)

WATER AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF HOMER, GEORGIA; TO AMEND SECTION 40-27 REGARDING WATER SERVICE BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-27 TO PROVIDE FOR NEW WATER BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES, INCLUDING THE TIMING FOR PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS, THE SETTING OF THE DATES WHEN WATER BILLS CAN BE PAID WITHOUT PENALTY, THE DATE THAT PENALTY CAN BE ASSESSED, THE AMOUNT OF THE PENALTY, THE DATE FOR DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE, AND THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN PENALTIES AND RECONNECTION FEES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

James Dumas made motion to approve the above amendment to the UTILITES ORDINANCE (Section 40-27). Judy Harper seconded the motion and approved. (6-0)

BRIAN CAUBLE

Mr. Cauble discussed the Nuisance Ordinance. He stated that he was interested in preserving the history of the Town of Homer. He feels that code enforcement builds a sense of community and will enhance economic development. He commended the Mayor and Council on their efforts in these matters.

DDA

Mr. Billingslea discussed the mobile home that is going to be moved off the property at the Community Center on Athens Street. He asked if the floor frame could be used for Pete to build a stage for events. The siding will be taken to the scrap yard by Pete. When the mobile home is taken down the area will be used for overflow parking.

He also discussed the wheelchair ramp at the Community Center not having the proper foundation. When constructed it was not inspected by the town inspector as advised. A lady fell on the ramp on Easter Sunday breaking her arm and hurting her ankle (this was not reported to town immediately ramp issue needs to be addressed).

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Rick Billingslea reported HAVC contract was approved for Southern Draw Services, Inc. at \$6800.00 to be placed at 963 Historic Homer Hwy. Other bids received, Jones HVAC INC. \$8,481.00 and Hulsey Heating & Air \$8118.00. Mayor Hill asked why the council did not get to review the contracts before the decision was made as requested at last meeting. Mr. Billingslea had no answer. Mr. Billingslea then stated that two bids have been received for roof repairs at the Community Center. Metal roof and shingle steeple \$31,500.00 and \$31,400.00 waiting to receive one more bid. Mayor Hill stated he wants to see the bids before a decision is made.

Mr. Billingslea stated \$2000.00 has been approved for flags, poles etc. for the 250th celebration. The DDA is putting together a policy for a facade grant. It will be a total of \$1500.00 a year for up to two grants (\$750.00 each) for those who qualify in the central business district from Owen Farm Equipment to Tangles, receipts must be given before the grant funds are released.

Todd Templeton asked how recipients will be chosen and what the selection criteria will be. Mayor Hill asked how they will decide how much to award someone. Mr. Billingslea stated that they were still working on the policy. Mayor Hill stated the Mayor and Council would like to review the policy before it is approved.

Mr. Billingslea stated that the yard of the month had been chosen and they will receive a \$25.00 gift card.

OTHER BUSINESS
EXECUTIVE SESSION

James Dumas made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and ligation. Motion was seconded by Todd Templeton and approved. (6-0) 6:30pm

James Dumas made a motion to open regular meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Judy Harper and approved. (6-0)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carol Ayers, Clerk

Clifton B. Hill, Jr, Mayor