

PUBLIC HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
August 10, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Cheek.

Mayor Cheek stated the public hearing is to discuss setting the gross millage rate to zero with a rollback of 4.86. No public comments.

Public hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek. Present were Sandra Garrison, Jerry Payne, James Dumas, and Cliff Hill.
2. The invocation was given by Jerry Payne.
3. The pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Doug Cheek.
4. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to approve the minutes of July 13, 2021. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (5-0)

5. TAX DIGEST

Jerry Payne made a motion to set the gross millage rate zero with a rollback of 4.86.

6. Amending zoning Map Ordinance

Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the amending of zoning map ordinance for property owned by William and Amanda Bedford at 250 Sycamore Street from single family (R-1) to Commercial Business (CB) granting a variance of front setback from 75 feet to 50 feet. The motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (5-0)

7. Well

James Dumas stated he has spoken with the property owners of the site for another well. The owner is concerned about Homer's well causing problems with her current well which is used to water cattle.

8. Hydrant Meter

Mayor Cheek discussed setting a rate of \$50.00 for use of the meter plus water usage, \$1,000.00 deposit which will be returned if meter is not damaged, \$50.00 fee for meter not being returned as stated on the application and a \$25.00 per day late fee. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to approve the abovementioned hydrant meter fees. The motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0)

9. Grant writing—Rick Billingslea

Rick Billingslea discussed the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. He would like to write the grant for the Water and Sewer Project for downtown Homer. The mayor and council will have a called meeting to review the grant and sign for submittal. Upon receiving the grant Mr. Billingslea will charge a processing fee of \$30,000.00 which will be paid from grant funds. Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve Mr. Billingslea to write the abovementioned grant. The motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (5-0) A lobbyist fee of \$25,000 from the Beatty Group was also discussed. David Syfan, Attorney will research paying a lobbyist. No decision was made concerning the lobbyist.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to go into Executive session to discuss litigation. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (5-0) 7:10 p.m. Motion to return to regular meeting was made by James Dumas, seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved (5-0) 7:35 p.m. No decisions were made.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Douglas Cheek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Ayers, Clerk