

TOWN OF HOMER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Present were Sandra Garrison, Jerry Payne, James Dumas & Cliff Hill.

The invocation was given by Jerry Payne.

The pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve minutes from the Jan. 10, 2023 meeting. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (5-0)

Well Update

James Dumas discussed the Correction Plan submitted by Turnipseed Engineers which recommends the ion treatment system and backwash by Oconee Well Drillers at a cost of \$74,189.52 and approx. \$30,000.00 to install. Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the abovementioned corrective plan upon EPD's approval. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (5-0)

Round-About

Mayor Cheek and Cliff Hill met with Mr. Owenby (owner of property at Dollar General) in reference to how the round-about will affect the trucks entering and exiting and the parking area. This is a high concern. Mr. Owenby will send a drawing to Dollar General Corp. to get their opinion. Mr. Owenby also stated he has not been contacted by the GDOT.

RECORD RETENTION RESOLUTION

Attorney David Syfan discussed the proposed Record Retention Resolution according to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-99 which gives specific details as to the retention periods of all records. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to approve the proposed Record Retention Resolution. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

Due to the Banks Co. Board of Elections choosing not to conduct any future City elections.

Sandra Garrison made a motion to appoint Carol Ayers as Election Superintendent/Supervisor for the upcoming Nov. Election. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (5-0)

Motion was made by Jerry Payne to appoint Tracey King as qualifying officer for the upcoming Nov. Election. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (5-0)

Attorney, David Syfan discussed other appoints will need to be made.

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DDA REPORT

Kelly Jones reported the DDA is partnering with the Massey family to have an Easter Egg Hunt April 1st at the Massey property on Oscar Rucker Rd. April 22nd will be a clean up day starting at Town Hall with flowers and mulch and then moving to the Church property owned by the Town. The July 4th event was discussed. There are concerns about the cleanup if vendors are allowed. They are looking into different solutions for the cleanup. Labor Day Festival is planned for Sept. 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2023.

The DDA Board would like to appoint Debbie Massey as a Board member completing term which will end Aug. 2024. Motion made by Sandra Garrison to appoint Debbie Massey to the DDA Board completing term which will end Aug. 2024. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0)

Other Business

Mayor Cheek presented a Certificate of Achievement to James Dumas from the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institution of Government and GA Municipal Association. Certificate is dated January 23, 2023.

Town Attorney David Syfan gave a report on the January 23, 2023 Opinion by the Court of Appeals as to the appeal by Banks County Golf as to its claim for damages involving the distilled spirits license, and as to the appeal by the Town as to the grant of the writ of mandamus. Mr. Syfan reported that the Court of Appeals denied Banks County Golf's appeal for damages due to the fact it had been awarded the writ of mandamus, and therefore monetary damages were not available to Banks County Golf. Mr. Syfan further reported that the Court of Appeals denied the Town's cross-appeal as to the grant of the writ of mandamus that required the issuance of the distilled spirits license because the license had lapsed due to being only valid for calendar year 2020. Mr. Syfan finally reported that the Town was going to seek an appeal to the Supreme Court by filing a petition for certiorari.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ayers