

TOWN OF HOMER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Present were Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, Cliff Hill & David Dunson.

Prior to the invocation James Dumas spoke briefly about Jerry Payne. He stated that the meeting will be sad without Jerry and that he will be greatly missed. He also stated that Jerry Payne represented the Town of Homer well on the Georgia Mountain RDC board over the past years.

The invocation was given by James Dumas.

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

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve minutes from the Feb. 14, 2023 meeting. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by James Dumas to appoint Cliff Hill as Mayor pro-tem. Motion was seconded by David Dunson and approved (4-0) Cliff Hill abstained.

Motion was made by James Dumas to appoint Sandra Garrison to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Board. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (4-0) Sandra Garrison abstained.

Well Update

James Dumas presented the Mayor and council a written update on the well. The plan includes the timeline to get the well back in service. They are waiting for approval from the EPD to reopen the well. He is expecting something from EPD any day. Mr. Dumas also stated that the engineering should be done by Turnipseed Engineering and the operating should be done by EMI.

Round-About

No report

Street Name Change

Discussed the request for street name change from Martin Manor Circle to Water Oak Lane.

Motion was made by David Dunson to table until the next meeting and ask the residents to attend the April council meeting to explain the reasons for the change. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (5-0)

Change Order form Turnipseed Engineering

The change order is for approximately sixty (60) - ¾" pressure reducing valves at meter connections in the amount of \$21,000.00 Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve the abovementioned change order. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (5-0)

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Wireless Facilitates and Antennas Ordinance

David Syfan, attorney, spoke about the Wireless Facilitates and Antennas Ordinance. He stated that it is a GMA model ordinance. The ordinance is regarding small cell antennas which can be placed on top of buildings, flag poles, etc., to fill in gaps of existing cell service. The ordinance allows the Town to charge a franchise fee for use of the right of way. Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the Wireless Facilitated and Antennas Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0)

Ordinance for Standards for Telecommunications Antennas and Towers

Mr. Syfan discussed the Ordinance for Standards for Telecommunications Antennas and Towers. This ordinance is regarding cell towers that are placed on private property. An amendment to the zoning ordinance is required if this ordinance is passed. The planning committee will meet to review the ordinance at a meeting on April 27, 2023 and the council will discuss the ordinance at the meeting on May 9, 2023.

Penalties Ordinance for Violation of Ordinances

Mr. Syfan discussed the Penalties Ordinance for Violation of Ordinances. This ordinance allows increased penalties for ordinance violations. The charter will be amended to allow to charge up to \$1000.00 fine or up to 180 days community service. He explained the process to adopt this ordinance. The first adoption can be at this meeting and the second adoption can be at the April 11, 2023 council meeting, three legal notices have to be ran in the newspaper. The Home Rule ordinance has to be filed with the Georgia Secretary of State and the Clerk of the Banks County Superior Court. Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the first adoption of the Penalties Ordinance for Violation of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (5-0)

DDA REPORT

Kelly Jones stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is on schedule. April 22nd is planned for a cleanup day starting by planting flowers and mulching at Town Hall.

Motion was made by David Dunson to move to executive session to discuss ligation. Motion seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0) 7:15pm

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to open regular meeting. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved (5-0) 7:40pm

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ayers