

**TOWN OF HOMER  
PUBLIC HEARING AND  
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AUGUST 8, 2023**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Attorney David Syfan discussed three (3) ordinances.

1. Ordinance to Amend the compilation of ordinances and the ordinance establishing the zoning ordinance; to update the zoning ordinance in order for the ordinance to comply with the provisions of Georgia zoning procedures law; and for other purposes.
2. Ordinance to amend the ordinance establishing the zoning ordinance to provide that food, grocery and drug stores of any size are a permitted use under the community business (CB) district and the highway business (HB) district established by the zoning ordinance; and for other purposes.
3. Ordinance to amend the ordinance establishing the zoning ordinance to provide that home occupations, under certain requirement, are an inherently allowed use under the planned community development zoning district (PCD) established by the zoning ordinance; to provide that the zoning ordinance is not intended to interfere with, abrogate or annul restrictive covenants; and for other purposes.

There being no comments the public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.*

Present were Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, Cliff Hill, Judy Harper and David Syfan.

The invocation was given by James Dumas.

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

Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0)

Motion was made by James Dumas to approve all three (3) ordinances.

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2. Ordinance to amend the ordinance establishing the zoning ordinance; to provide that food, grocery and drug stores of any size are a permitted use under the community business (CB) district and the highway business (HB) District established by the zoning ordinance; and for other purposes.
3. Ordinance to amend the ordinance establishing the zoning ordinance; to provide that home occupations, under certain requirements, are an inherently allowed use under the planned community development zoning district (PCD) established by the zoning ordinance; to provide that

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the zoning ordinance is not intended to interfere with, abrogate or annul restrictive covenants; and for other purposes. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (5-0)

Cliff Hill mentioned a possible need for an ordinance restricting mailboxes to require breakaway products. Attorney David Syfan will research.

James Dumas reported speaking with Banks County Environmental about the septic system at the old jail on Candler Street. The system would become a community system if more connections are made which would have to be approved by EPD. The engineering firm would need to be contacted for plans. It was recommended for James Dumas to contact Ken Bryan, Turnipseed Engineering firm.

**REPORTS**

Paving of Yonah Homer is complete.

Sandra Garrison stated the 146<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Celebration was a success.

Labor Day Festival – Downtown Homer on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Fri. night will include a Pep Rally, craft and food vendors, and children’s area. Saturday will include parade, vendors, entertainment all day including Starr Phipps, Steve Bryson Band, Andrew Dixon Band, Nathan Morgan Band. Sunday New Grace will lead the worship service with their praise team and the gospel group Georgia will perform.

Attorney David Syfan reminded the Mayor and council that qualifying begins on August 21, 2023 and runs for three days. Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ayers, Clerk