

TOWN OF HOMER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10,2026

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.

James Dumas made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, meeting. Judy Harper seconded the motion and passed unanimously. (6-0)

BANKS CO. WATER CONTRACT

Todd Templeton made a motion to approve the Water Contract with Banks County. Stephen Parson seconded the motion and passed unanimously. (6-0)

WELL UPDATE

James Dumas stated he spoke with Dan Elder who recommended drilling the Yonah Homer Well 25 to 50 feet below where they hit water last time. He recommended attempting to fix the Yonah Homer well before working on the Hill Street well.

James Dumas suggested acquiring the property surrounding the Yonah Homer well.

SEWER UPDATE

James Dumas stated that the engineer will be meeting with Mayor Hill and himself on April 25th.

They will be discussing a location on the Town property (26 acres) on Evans St. Mr. Dumas stated that in order to have economic development we need sewer.

DERELICT PROPERTY – 499 SCALES CREEK ROAD

Mayor Hill stated the property owner has been given over three months to clear property of debris and apply for permits for the buildings. There is nothing more to do other than issue a citation. Court dates have been set for April 24 and/or May 1, 2026. Code enforcer will be notified to proceed with the citation.

DDA

Rick Billingslea reported that 3 quotes are being received for replacing HVAC at property being rented by KG Diesel. The project will be approximately \$10,000. Three bids will be received to replace the metal roof on the community center. Mayor Hill stated that he wants to see all the quotes before the DDA approves them. Mr. Billingslea will send emails to all council members when the quotes are received.

Painting the interior of the community center will begin next week. He also stated that the next item will be replacing the windows. They want good quality windows to match the historic qualities of the center.

The DDA will be working with the garden club to place flowers and mulch around town.

Farmer's market and yard sale will be starting soon, they will be held every other Saturday.

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Mr. Billingslea also stated to get the community involved a yard of the month would be chosen with a gift card as the reward. They are also discussing offering grants for paint as a beautification incentive for property owners.

Todd Templeton asked if this would be an issue using public funds for private rewards and grants? Mr. Billingslea stated that it has been done before.

Todd Templeton also asked if there is a contract between the Town and the DDA for the renting of Town property? No such contract is known.

James Dumas stated that all the buildings belong to the town and council should be involved in all decisions as to the buildings. Also, the items in buildings should be declared unusable before the DDA disposes of anything.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dumas gave the council information on the annual GMA convention in Savannah on June 26th – 30th, 2026. He stated everyone is invited to attend this very informative event.

Mayor Hill gave an update on the Roundabout. The project has been pushed out due to budget shortfalls. Currently, plans are to begin construction early 2027.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Carol Ayers, Clerk

Clifton B. Hill, Jr, Mayor