

Town of Homer  
City Council Meeting  
Via Zoom April 14, 2020

Meeting called to order – Mayor Doug Cheek

Council members present: Sandra Garrison, Cliff Hill, James Dumas

Minutes for the March meeting approved. Motion by Sandra Garrison second Cliff Hill 3-0 vote to approve.

**Review of legal billing:** Mayor Cheek will discuss with City attorney the billing as it applies to the litigation underway.

**Well** construction discussion informed that power was now available. A delay was noted due to the special fiberglass door that were ordered in October of 2019 are still unavailable. These doors cost \$2000.00 each. The special doors are needed because of the corrosive nature of the chlorine used in treating the water.

**COVID-19** Discussion focused on the safety of our employees. Carol Ayers – clerk is now working remotely. Tracey King is now working in the office. The public works staff are in separate vehicles and will use social distancing while working on projects. Council member James Dumas asked if staff have proper resources for personal safety. Mayor Cheek affirmed that they have access to those items needed. Mayor Cheek also stated all employees seem to be ok with these arrangements.

Council member Cliff Hill mentioned our emergency declaration was set to expire on April 22. Discussion focused on following the State of Georgia guideline if and when the declaration needed to be extended. Following discuss Council member Sandra Garrison made a motion to extend the emergency declaration until April 30. Second by Council member Cliff Hill motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Council Member/Fire Chief Cliff Hill reported that the State training had been cancelled and that fire fighters would receive credit for mandatory training. He also reported that construction was continuing at the fire station in Homer.

**Litigation with Banks County Golf:** Mayor reported awaiting a date to be set by the court.

**City Hall renovations:** Council member James Dumas asked about the progress on creating new office space. Mayor Cheek reported that it was continuing with carpet to be done soon. He also reported it was a very attractive addition of space for our staff.

Other items: Council Member Garrison mentioned The Sunday School Celebration is still planned for the last Sunday in July. Council member Hill also mentioned July 4 fire works show is still in planning.

Mayor Cheek announced that the Annual meeting of Georgia Municipal Association is still planned for the last of June. A decision will be made May 25<sup>th</sup> concerning the meeting.

No other business motion to adjourn was made by Council member James Dumas motion approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted Acting clerk in absence of Carol Ayers.

James Dumas

