TOWN OF HOMER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 11, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Present were Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, Cliff Hill, 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 Sandra Garrison to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting. A motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (4-0)

Sandra Garrison made a motion to appoint Judy Harper to fill Jerry Payne's seat as council member. The motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (4-0)

Attorney David Syfan presented the Oath of Town Council member and the Ga Loyalty Oath to Judy Harper and welcomed her as councilmember.

Well Update

James Dumas stated the equipment for the well will take approximately 18 to 20 weeks to arrive. The repairs will possibly be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Dumas also discussed the EPA mandate on replacing iron water pipes in homes built before 1990. Grants will possibly be available and pre-applications are available. Mr. Dumas will speak with Ken Bryan, Turnipseed Engineering, to begin the pre-application process.

Other Business

David Syfan has spoken with the editor of Municode, they are working on the final draft of the codification. The volume of ordinances is more than what was anticipated. There will be an additional charge of approximately \$7176.00. Mayor Cheek will talk to someone at Municode regarding the extra money requested.

Mr. Syfan also discussed the three text amendments that will go before the planning commission at the end of July.

James Dumas made a motion for the Town of Homer to join the Banks Co. Rotary at a cost of \$250 to join and \$1,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Mayor Doug Cheek and approved. (5-0)

Kellie Jones, Downtown Development representative, stated the Holiday Festival will be Sept. 1, 2, & 3. Friday night will be a pep rally for all Banks Co. Athletes. The rally will be called One Leopard Nation, the Grand Marshal will be Ann Hopkins Banks Co. School superintendent. The Sunday School celebration is planned for August 6 and a Pumpkin Festival is planned for Oct. 21st.

A motion was made by James Dumas to go into executive session to discuss employees. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (5-0) 6:55 PM

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A motion was made Sandra Garrison to open regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0) 7:17pm

James Dumas made a motion to give raises of 5% excluding new supervisor (he will be evaluated when probation period ends) and the clerk a \$1,000 raise due to extra administrative duties all effective next pay period. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ayers