

**TOWN OF HOMER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Present were Sandra Garrison, Judy Harper, Stephen Parson, Cliff Hill, James Dumas, and Attorney 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 of the December 12, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (6-0)

James Dumas read a draft of the 2023 accomplishments and challenges of the Town.

APPOINTMENTS

James Dumas made a motion to appoint Cliff Hill, Mayor Pro-tem; Carol Ayers, Clerk; David Syfan, Attorney; Cliff Hill, Fire Chief; Carol Ayers, Court Clerk; and Hammond Law, Judge. The motion was seconded by Judy Harper and approved. (6-0)

APPOINT HANNAH GARRISON TO NE GA HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION BOARD

Motion was made by James Dumas to appoint Hannah Garrison to the Northeast Georgia Housing Authority Board. Motion was seconded by Judy Harper and approved. Sandra Garrison abstained (5-0)

RE ZONING ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF HOMER, GEORGIA, BY REZONING ALL THAT TRACT(S) OR PARCEL(S) OF LAND OWNED BY LEIGH ANN ALLEN, AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 18.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND LYING AND BEING IN GMD 1210 AND 265, TRACT 1 OF BANKS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING TAX MAP PARCEL # B50 071 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DEEDS AND PLATS WHICH ARE REFERENCED HEREIN, AND WHICH ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS ORDINANCE, FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) DISTRICT TO HIGHWAY BUSINESS (HB) DISTRICT, WITH CONDITIONS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (6-0)

- The applicant will comply with the following conditions. It is expected that site development will meet the minimum standards of the Town as requested by staff during the appropriate approval process. If the current proposal does not meet these minimum standards, it is understood that the development plans will be altered to come to compliance.
- The subject property shall not be used for a salvage yard, and a salvage yard is strictly prohibited.
- The subject property shall not be used for a junk yard, and a junk yard is strictly prohibited.
- Storage of new campers is allowed on the property subject to a maximum of thirty (30) campers, and no individual camper can be stored on the property for longer than sixty (60) days. Campers shall not be parked or stored next to the road.
- A road buffer, by a plant or privacy fence, shall be established to shield from view any vehicles being used for parts by the shop.

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HOMER TIRE AND AUTO

Mr. Syfan has drafted a letter to send to the Homer Tire Shop. He will update the letter with additional information before sending it out.

CONTRACT – GRIFFIN BROTHERS

James Dumas will contact Ken Bryan, Turnipseed Engineer representative, to ask Griffin Brothers for a start date and number of days until completion. Mr. Dumas made a motion to approve the contract with Griffin Brothers not to exceed \$87,000 with a start date and number of days until completion of the project. Motion was seconded by Stephen Parson and approved. (6-0)

ROUNDAABOUT

Cliff Hill stated that Jason Dykes with Georgia DOT will be at the February work session regarding the roundabout project.

CODIFICATION

Codification book has been received. Mr. Syfan will review the information and the Mayor and Council will approve the adoption ordinance in February.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief, Cliff Hill stated that he has received information about a (preliminary) mandate regarding compensation for firefighters diagnosed with PTSD.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce Dinner will be held on January 27, 2024 at Hidden Acres in Gillsville.

Kellie Jones asked the Mayor and Council to assist the Downtown Development Authority in renaming the Homer Alliance Church. Mrs. Jones also mentioned the renovations that are in the process of being started at the church.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sandra Garrison made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Judy Harper and approved. (6-0)

Roll call: Mayor Doug Cheek, Sandra Garrison, Judy Harper, James Dumas, Stephen Parson, Cliff Hill.

James Dumas made the motion to end the Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (6-0)

No decisions were made.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Tracey King, Assistant Clerk

Doug Cheek, Mayor