

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Present were James Dumas, Sandra Garrison, Cliff Hill, Jerry Payne and Attorney David Syfan.

The invocation was given by Jerry Payne.

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

The minutes of the last meeting 11-09-2021 were approved. 5-0

Motion was made by Cliff Hill to appoint Jerry Payne as Mayor pro-tem. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved 4-0. Jerry Payne abstained.

Motion was made by James Dumas to appoint Cliff Hill as Fire Chief. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved 4-0. Cliff Hill abstained.

Motion was made by James Dumas to appoint Carol Ayers as Clerk. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved 5-0.

Motion was made by Jerry Payne to appoint David Syfan as attorney and Judge Hammond Law as Judge. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved 5-0.

Motion was made by Jerry Payne to appoint Michael Busenlehner to replace Bucky Garrison on the Downtown Development Authority. Motion seconded by James Dumas and approved 5-0. Michael Busenlehner's term will end August of 2024.

#### **GEFA**

Attorney David Syfan discussed the modification for repayment of the loan to extend until Nov. 1, 2024.

Motion was made by James Dumas to approve GEFA resolution to approve modifications of promissory note. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved 5-0.

#### **Reapportionment**

David Syfan recommended having Faith Bryant, GMRDC, redraw the district map according to the 2020 Census. This needs to be completed before the 2023 election. Upon completion he also recommended sending the updated map to the State reapportionment office for approval. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to have Faith Bryant, GMRDC, redraw district map using 2020 Census information and to send to the state reapportionment office for approval. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved 5-0

#### **Atlanta Gas**

Discussed Atlanta Gas placing lines in Homer and the process of franchise fees. Attorney David Syfan will contact Greg Fender for more information.

#### **STREETS**

Cliff Hill reported damage to the road pipe on Athens St. at the end of Church St. at a cost of \$23,000.00. All other work has been completed except for Yonah Homer other than paving. Emergency pipe repairs in the amount of approximately \$100,000.00 will be from TSPLOST.

**ORDINANCE UPDATE**

James Dumas stated he thinks it is prudent to look at the zoning and subdivision regulations and place a six month moratorium on subdivisions until regulations are updated.

David Syfan stated he agrees that the regulations need to be reviewed and updated. The process will take approximately 6 months.

James Dumas made a motion to review the zoning and subdivision regulations and set a moratorium on subdivisions for six months. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved 5-0

**WELL AND WATER LINES**

James Dumas reported no response from the property owners of proposed well site. Turnipseed Engineering has not responded with information on bids for water line repairs.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Jerry Payne to go into an executive session to discuss pending litigation. (7:00 p.m.) The motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved 5-0. Roll call: Doug Cheek, Cliff Hill, Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, and Jerry Payne. Motion was made by James Dumas to open the regular meeting. (7:22 p.m.) Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved 5-0. Roll call: Doug Cheek, Cliff Hill, Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, and Jerry Payne. No decisions were made.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief, Cliff Hill, reported the roof at the Fire Station is leaking due to birds tearing the roofing.

Bone dry recommended replacing the roof. They will charge \$900 to repair the existing damaged places. James Dumas suggested contacting the Department of Natural Resources. Chief Hill is going to meet with Jeff Banks regarding the situation.

Discussed the changes of the fireworks process, insurance and moving the location to the Banks County Recreation Department.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Cheek stated the GOP has requested using the meeting room at City Hall for qualifying of county candidates March 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-12 noon, and March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to allow the GOP to use the meeting room for the abovementioned date and times. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved 5-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Carol Ayers, Clerk

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Douglas Cheek, Mayor