

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

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

The invocation was given by Jerry Payne.

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

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022, public hearing & regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Water Rates

Bill Powell, representative of Georgia Rural Water Association, presented two rate proposals to the Mayor and Council at the July work session for review. After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Sandra Garrison to change the monthly water rate to a base charge of \$5.18 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit). Current rate is a base charge of \$3.96 per ERU. Rate increase will be effective on the September 2022 billing cycle.

LOST

There will be a meeting on September 13, 2022 at the Lula train depot regarding the LOST distribution. All cities in Banks County have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the distribution amounts. Jerry Payne, Cliff Hill, and James Dumas will represent Homer at the meeting. Homer representatives will also set up a meeting with Banks County Commissioners to discuss the LOST distribution amounts before July 21, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Subdivision Regulations

Adam Hazell, Georgia Mountain RDC representative, sent a revised Subdivision Ordinance to the Mayor and Council for review. Changes were discussed. Jerry Payne will relay the changes to Mr. Hazell so the corrections can be made to the ordinance. Changes include increasing the cul de sac from 80' to 100' (Section 5.6-12), changing the addressing system information from the Banks County Fire Department to the Banks County 911 center (Section 5.7-2), and omitting the wording "the above fees include the amount necessary to record the plat in the office of the Superior Court Clerk of Banks County" on the Appendix A Fee Schedule page.

James Dumas made the motion to approve the amended subdivision ordinance. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (6-0)

Executive Session

James Dumas made the motion to go into Executive session to discuss an employee pay increase. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved (6-0) at 8:27 p.m.
Roll Call: Mayor Doug Cheek, Sandra Garrison, James Dumas, Jerry Payne, James Dumas, and David Dunson.
Executive session ended at 8:52 p.m.

Regular meeting reopened at 8:52 p.m.

Motion was made by James Dumas for an employee pay increase of 5% to go into effect pay period beginning the week of July 18, 2022. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (6-0)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Tracey King, Assistant Clerk