

TOWN OF HOMER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Present were Sandra Garrison, Jerry Payne, James Dumas & Cliff Hill.

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 minutes of Dec. 13, 2022 meeting. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (5-0)

DDA Report

Kellie Jones, DDA treasurer, discussed the Downtown Development Authority's January 5, 2023 planning meeting. She discussed the three goals of the DDA for the new year. 1) Building relationships between the DDA and community organizations 2) Establishing a handbook for future members 3) Building relationships with businesses in Homer. She also stated that Rick Billingslea is the Chairman. Kellie Jones was voted treasurer. Laurie Erwin was voted secretary. They are planning to have an event every month. An Easter egg hunt (Celebration in memory of Mack Garrison) was planned for April 9, 2023 (pending a place to hold the event).

A workday is planned for April 22, 2023 to spruce up the yard at Town Hall, Veteran's Park, and the church property. July 4th fireworks celebration was discussed, there are plans for a DJ, food vendors, etc. The DDA is planning to sell water and possibly hotdogs at the event. The Labor Day festival dates have been changed to be held the week before, new dates will be August 25, 26, 27, 2023. Christmas festival will be held on December 9, 2023. James Dumas suggested having a movie in the park once a month. Mrs. Jones stated that has already been discussed. She also gave a financial report, DDA account balance is \$34,933.45.

Well Update

Mayor and Council received an email for Ken Bryan, Turnipseed Engineer, regarding a plan of action to get the Evans Street well back in service. Plan of action will be discussed at the February work session.

Round-About

Mayor and council discussed the round a bout that is being proposed by the Georgia DOT on Historic Homer Highway at the intersection of Evans Street and Highway 98. Discussed options for traffic route when Athens Street is closed. Mayor Cheek will contact Bobby Whitlock, board member My Georgia Credit Union, and Mr. Owenby (owner of property at Dollar General) in reference to possible road between the two locations to connect Athens to Evans Street.

Garbage Pickup

Carol Ayers will schedule a meeting with Vic Knight, Waste Management representative, so they can discuss some current issues with the garbage service.

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Purchase Locator for water department

Jerry Payne made the motion to purchase a locator for the water department in the amount of \$4250.00. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (5-0)

Appointments

Motion was made by James Dumas to re-appoint the following

- Jerry Payne, Mayor Pro Tem
- David Syfan, Attorney
- Cliff Hill, Fire Chief
- Carol Ayers, Clerk & Election Qualifying Officer
- Hammond Law, Judge

Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (5-0)

Set Qualifying Fee - \$35.00

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to set the qualifying fee at \$35.00. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (5-0)

Other Business

Cliff Hill met with KCI regarding repairs on Yonah Homer Road. They are putting together a bid package which could possibly be ready by February.

Mr. Hill also discussed problems at Highway 164 (Historic Homer Highway) and Highway 51 South. There have been multiple accidents at this location with people not stopping at the stop sign. He has spoken Georgia DOT regarding putting some type of advance warning to help deter accidents. GDOT will check into the matter and advise

Carol Ayers stated that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the Hidden Acres venue in Gillsville.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Carol Ayers, Clerk

Doug Cheek, Mayor