

TOWN OF HOMER  
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Present were: Mayor Doug Cheek, Sandra Garrison, Cliff Hill, James Dumas and Attorney David Syfan.

Public hearing was called to order by Mayor Cheek at 6:02 p.m. The public hearing was to discuss the ORDINANCE FOR STANDARDS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS AND TOWERS.

Town Attorney, David Syfan, explained the ordinance and stated that it is a model GMA ordinance for the regulation of cell towers. The planning commission met on April 27, 2023 and recommended adoption of the ordinance.

Public hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.*

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

The invocation was given by James Dumas.

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

Motion was made by James Dumas to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (4-0)

**Round-About**

No update

**Well Update**

James Dumas read an update from Turnipseed Engineering regarding getting the well back in service. There is no idea of a restart date at this time.

**Yonah Homer Resurfacing Bid**

Motion was made by Sandra to accept the bid from Stratton & Sons for the resurfacing of Yonah Homer Road (inside the City Limits) in the amount of \$436,379.40. Motion was seconded by James Dumas and approved. (4-0)

**Quotes for repairs**

Cliff Hill discussed the quote for sidewalk, curb, and gutter repairs on Yonah Homer Road. Work will be done in front of the Banks County Courthouse to the Banks County Fire Station.

Motion was made by James Dumas to accept the quote from Jerome Mayfield in the amount of \$11,900.00 to complete the sidewalk, curb, and gutter repairs on Yonah Homer Road. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (4-0)

Cliff Hill discussed the quote for culvert repairs on Oscar Rucker Road.

Motion was made by James Dumas to accept the quote from Ivester & Sons Grading in the amount of \$4900.00 to complete the culvert repairs on Oscar Rucker Road. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (4-0)

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Cliff Hill discussed the quote for repairing the storm drain and sidewalk on Thompson Street. Motion was made by James Dumas to accept the quote from Jerome Mayfield in the amount of \$1000.00 to complete the storm drain and sidewalk repairs on Thompson Street. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (4-0)

Mr. Hill also discussed a sinkhole that has formed on Thompson Street. Steve Hart will check on this situation in the morning (May 10, 2023).

**Cell Tower Ordinance**

Motion was made by Sandra Garrison to approve the ORDINANCE FOR STANDARDS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS AND TOWERS. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (4-0)

**Report on BCG zoning case**

Town Attorney, David Syfan, gave a brief report on the status of the Banks County Superior Court case of Banks County Golf, LLC et al vs Town of Homer et al, CAFN: 22CV147. Mr. Syfan reported that on April 26, 2023, Judge Primm entered an Order that granted the Town's Motion to Strike and Dismiss, and denied Banks County Golf's motion for discovery. The Order was a final order and resolved at the trial court level all claims that the plaintiffs brought in the court case, and which determined that the Town had handled the zoning matter in issue properly. The plaintiffs have until May 30, 2023 to file a notice of appeal.

**Other Business**

James Dumas discussed home occupations in the PCD district. Mr. Syfan will add a clause to the zoning text amendment that states approval by the Town does not void restrictive covenants.

**DDA Report**

Kellie Jones, DDA representative reported that there will be a community pep rally on Friday night (Sept 1, 2023) at the Labor Day festival. The first farmer's market will be Saturday, May 20, 2023. The DDA will focus on repairs at the church in June and July, such as, new doorknobs, replacing ceiling tiles, painting bathrooms and steeple, etc.

She also reported that The Family Resource Center is interested in using the church 2 days a week for sessions. They are looking at grants to fund the service and will possibly start in August 2023. This is in the planning stages.

**Executive Session**

Motion was made by James Dumas to go into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss litigation and employees. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (4-0)

Roll Call: Mayor Doug Cheek, Sandra Garrison, Cliff Hill, and James Dumas.

Motion was made by James Dumas to close the Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (4-0)

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Regular meeting reopened at 8:09 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Ayers