

Village of Homer
Regular Meeting of Trustees
August 12, 2024
7:00pm

Those present: Trustees: Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, Mike Johnson, and John Dodd, Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Clerk Sharon Jeffers, Treasurer, Cindy Pruitt, Maintenance/Water, Ryan Byerley, Sewer, Tom Parrish, Zoning, Dave Hermes, Attorney, Marc Miller, Farnsworth, Kevin Hannel, and Sanju Mokammel, and residents, Billy Mitchell, Jacob McCormick, and Patrick Boylan.

Community input: Patrick Boylan reported a torn-up camper that is a hazard located at 205 E Second St

Board Comment: Mike Johnson has spoken with Dave Biggerstaff, Catlin's Ordinance Officer. He would like to make a presentation to the board on his program.
An Ordinance and Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, Aug 19th at 6pm

Mayor Jim White announced that election packets will be available on August 20th for the 2025 election. He will not be running for Mayor.

Minutes: Mike Johnson motioned to approve Regular and recreation minutes as presented, seconded by Ray Ryerson, all in favor, motion approved.

Village bills: Ray Ryerson motioned to pay all Village bills as presented, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Reports: Water tower needs to be washed; Ryan will look into cost. Cindy converted the current CD into an 18-month CD. Tom is getting a bid to clean the weeds off the lagoon covers at the Wastewater treatment plant.

Sewer Maintenance: Mike Johnson motioned to hire Jeremy Barker as part time Sewer Maintenance at \$35 an hour, seconded by Roger Faulkner, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

An update was given on paving bricks. Cherry Valley, Illinois is interested in purchasing.

Re-zoning: A straw poll vote was taken to rezone 307 W Crittenden from residential to industrial for the purpose of building a new water treatment plant, Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes.

Industrial Subdivision Platt: Mike Johnson motioned to approve the revised industrial subdivision Platt, seconded by Roger Faulkner, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Farnsworth updated the board on the RO pilot study. The study will not be loan eligible unless we receive more than one bid. We will also need to sign the letter of intent in order to hold our place for the pilot testing.

Letter of intent: Mike Johnson motioned to sign the letter of intent for Harn RO Pilot testing, seconded by Ray Ryerson, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Second bid: Ray Ryerson motioned to authorize Farnsworth group to acquire a second bid for the RO pilot testing, seconded by Skip James, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Ray Ryerson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Skip James, all in favor, motion approved.
Adjourn: 8:16pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Village of Homer
Zoning Hearing
August 8, 2024
6:30pm

Those present: Trustees; John Dodd, Roger Faulkner, Skip James, Ray Ryerson, and Mike Johnson, Mayor/Board President, Jim White, Clerk, Sharon Jeffers, residents, Billy Mitchell, and Stacy Luke.

This meeting is to discuss the rezoning of 307 W Crittenden St from residential to industrial for the purpose of placing a new water treatment plant on that property.

The board discussed making the treatment plant and property to look as residential as possible. Possible brick facade. Not sure if the building should be towards back of lot so it doesn't show, or more to the front for expansion and hidden storage.

Ray Ryerson motioned that we recommend to the full board to rezone 307 W Crittenden St from residential to industrial for the purpose of placing a new water treatment plant, Skip James seconded the motion, roll call vote: Roger Faulkner, yes, Skip James, yes, Ray Ryerson, yes, Mike Johnson, yes, and John Dodd, yes, motion approved.

Adjourn: Mike Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ray Ryerson, all in favor, motion approved. 6:43pm

Posted: Sharon Jeffers, Village Clerk

Finance and Ordinance Committee

August 19, 2024

6:00pm

Those present: Committee members: Skip James, and Ray Ryerson, Mayor, Jim White, trustees, Mike Johnson, and Roger Faulkner, Treasurer Cindy Pruitt, Zoning, Dave Hermes, guest Dave Biggerstaff, and resident, Jim Lacey.

Ordinance:

Dave Biggerstaff was introduced. He is the Ordinance Officer for several local communities.

His presentation included the scope of his work. Which would include but not limited to distressed properties, both residential and commercial, abandoned cars, and nuisance properties.

He indicated that he could handle grass and weed complaints if the problem is not handled in a timely manner. We can then turn it over to him to handle.

We would need to have an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Tilton to use their lawyer and be involved in the court system with a cost of \$1,200.00.

He advised that we need to pass an ordinance to approve the international property maintenance code.

He would be hired by the Village at the rate of \$50 an hour and would use the Village vehicle.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve the initial steps to implement procedures to implement this program and to approve Ordinance for intergovernmental agreement and approve hiring Ordinance Officer.

Finance:

Discussed funding of grants and spending Business district funds on downtown buildings, streetscapes, etc.

Also, further planning and guidelines should be established to guide future boards and Mayors in this process.

Further discussion was had to allow the business district fund to continue to accumulate funds to allow for when grants, and expenditures are needed. We do not want to deplete the fund.

No recommendations to the board at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Minutes taken by Mayor Jim White.