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City Clerk Renette Yancey

Council Members
P1 – Keith Prather
P2 – Eddie Sheppard
P3 - William Malcom
P4 - Joshua Jameson
P5 - David Mullis, Jr.

Good Hope City Council Minutes
February 6, 2017

1. Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. Councilman Eddie Sheppard led the invocation. Councilman David Mullis led the pledge.
2. Roll Call was performed by City Clerk Renette Yancey. Councilmen William Malcom was absent. All others were present.
3. Approval of Agenda: Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman David Mullis seconded and the motion was passed.
4. Approval of previous meetings' minutes: Councilman Eddie Sheppard made the motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Josh Jameson seconded. Motion passed.
5. Public Forum: There was no Public Forum
6. Committee Reports/Updates:
 - A. Presentation of Poppy Festival Check to the Moina Michael Poppy Project: Mayor Guthrie presented Marie Mize from the Moina Michael Poppy Project with a check of \$2544.81. This money was raised during the Poppy Festival which was held in October 2016. An identical amount was given to the Veterans Memorial at the Walton County Court House.
 - B. 2016 Financial Report: Mayor Guthrie reported on the 2016 Year End financial report. He pointed out that although the city came in under budget on both the income and expenses there is concern about the City's future income. There is talk that there may not be any income from the TAVT tax as well as the possibility of losing some of the franchise tax the city has always relied on to help with funding.
 - C. 2016 Mayors Report: Mayor Guthrie read the Mayors report to the Council. After signing the document, it was placed in the Minutes Book.
 - D. 2017 LMIG Grant: Mayor Guthrie spoke with Todd Parker and John Allman about the water drainage problems the city is dealing with. They also discussed the sidewalk project along Highway 83. They are waiting on easements from the Good Hope Baptist Church so they can begin the project.
 - E. County/City Comprehensive Plan updates: On January 10th Mayor Guthrie and Councilmen Eddie Sheppard and William Malcom attended a meeting with the Walton Planning Commission. The reason for the meeting is to look at the future zoning of Walton County. They made the changes on the city map that were discussed at the January Council Meeting. Preliminary maps will be available in March for viewing.
7. Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business
8. New Business:
 - A. Resolution of Councilman Freese: Mayor Guthrie proposed that a resolution be given to former Councilman Freese for his years of service as councilman. Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the proposal and Councilman David Mullis seconded. Motion passed. Because Bruce Williams from the State House of Representatives is preparing a resolution from the state, it was decided that they would present both honors on the same day.

9. Council Discussion Items:

- A. Evergreen Tree for City Property: Councilman Eddie Sheppard presented the information about a tree that would grow to approximately 25 feet tall and 8 feet in diameter to be planted in front of City Hall. Mayor Guthrie will check on funding and will address the subject again in March
- B. Tree City Program: Beryl Budd spoke with the Council at the December 2015 Council Meeting about the Tree City Program. After much discussion, it was decided that he contact us later. Mr. Budd has recently reached out to Mayor Guthrie and Councilman Eddie Sheppard. To be a Tree City, the city must pick a committee to oversee the project. There must be a city ordinance pertaining to the protection of the trees and an annual event promoting Arbor day. Councilman Eddie Sheppard is going to contact Mr. Budd about attending the March Council Meeting to explain the program again since our council membership has changed since he was here.
- C. Fundraising at the Pavilion: Christy Hill from Monroe Area High School, contacted Mayor Guthrie about using the city's pavilion to hold a fish fry fundraiser by the schools Fishing Team. The council has some concerns and wants to discuss it further. The possibility of a rental price increase was also addressed. These items will be placed on the March agenda.

10. Mayor Guthrie called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Keith Prather made that motion and Councilman David Mullis seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk