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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
May 1, 2017

1. Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. Councilman Keith Prather led the invocation. Councilman William Malcom led the pledge.
2. Roll Call was performed by City Clerk Renette Yancey. All Council Members were present.
3. Approval of Agenda: Councilman Eddie Sheppard made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman William Malcom seconded and the motion was passed.
4. Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Councilman David Mullis made the motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Keith Prather seconded. Motion passed.
5. Public Forum: The Public Forum was held regarding the request for rezoning of the parcel of land (#C1810043C00) on Queen's Cemetery Road from (A) Agriculture to (B1) Business. See the attached summary of the meeting and the responses from those choosing to speak.
6. Committee Reports/Updates:
 - A. Planning and Zoning Report: Councilman David Mullis explained that on February 28, 2017, Sullivan Wickley filed an application on behalf of Dollar General for the rezoning of a parcel of land (#C1810043C00) on Queens Cemetery Road from (A) Agriculture to (B1) Business. There was also a request for a variance in the parking lot to reduce the number of parking spaces from 48 spaces to 38 spaces. The application is consistent with the requirements of the City's LDO. The request for Variance also meets the requirements in the LDO and the City's ordinances. A public hearing was held on Monday May April 10th with six (6) residents, two (2) Councilmen, the Mayor and the Planning and Zoning Committee in attendance. The reason for the rezoning and the variance requests were explained and questions were answered by the applicants representative Mr. Rob Rojas. Councilman David Mullis stated that because all that is required by law have been met by both the City and those making the request, Dollar General, the Planning and Zoning committee recommend that the request for the rezoning and the variances be approved by the City Council.
 - B. Budget Report: Mayor Guthrie reported that the city's income is ahead of schedule for the year and while it looks as if they are going over in the Activities/Dues column there is an over flow of debt from 2016.
 - C. Comprehensive Plan Submittal: The Mayor and Councilmen Eddie Sheppard and William Malcom attended a meeting in April regarding the comprehensive planning for the County and the Cities within its borders. After the required public hearing and consideration of the Regional Water Plan and the Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria were reviewed, the Mayor sent a letter of transmittal to Burke Walker, Director of Planning of Government Services. That committee will send its final comprehensive plan to the City Council for review before final acceptance.

Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business

New Business:

- A. Dollar General Variance Request: Mayor Guthrie stated that the Council had heard the request of the citizens of Good Hope and the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee. He called for a motion to vote on the Dollar General Variance Request. Councilman William Malcom made a motion and Councilman Keith Prather seconded. Councilman Eddie Sheppard verified what the vote was for. All Councilmen voted in favor of the Variance Request and the motion was passed.
- B. Dollar General Re-Zone Request: Mayor Guthrie stated that the Council had heard the request of the citizens of Good Hope and the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee. He called for a motion to vote on the Dollar General Re-Zone Request. Councilman Keith Prather made a motion and Councilman Josh Jameson seconded. Councilman Eddie Sheppard verified what the vote was for. All Councilmen voted in favor of the Re-Zone Request and the motion was passed.
- C. Hardship request for 134 Queens Cemetery Road – Because of the absence of the family required to ask for Hardship lenience, Mayor Guthrie called for a motion to table this until next month. Councilman William Malcom made a motion and Councilman David Mullis seconded. The Mayor stated that he would confer with the city’s lawyer Michael Malcom for guidance.
- D. City Clerk Proclamation: In conjunction with Municipal Clerk Week, Mayor Guthrie presented the City Clerk Renette Yancey with a Proclamation recognizing the Office of the Municipal Clerk with appreciation for the services performed and dedication to the City.

Council Discussion Items:

- A. Tree City Program: The evergreen tree has been purchased and installed in front of City Hall. Councilman Eddie Sheppard and Beryl Budd of the Georgia Forestry Commission are working on a tree ordinance for the city. The city will need to appoint a tree committee. They are also working on an Arbor Day event and striving to make the city of Good Hope a Tree City.

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

Mayor

Clerk