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

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Good Hope City Council Minutes  
June 5, 2017

1. Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. Councilman William Malcom led the invocation. Councilman Keith Prather led the pledge.
2. Roll Call was performed by Mayor Jimmy Guthrie. Councilmen Joshua Jameson and Eddie Sheppard were absent, as well as City Clerk Renette Yancey.
3. Approval of Agenda: Councilman David Mullis made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman William Malcom seconded and the motion was passed.
4. Approval of previous meeting's minutes: After a punctuation and a spelling error were corrected Councilman David Mullis made the motion to accept the minutes. Councilman William Malcom seconded. Motion passed. The revised minutes will be signed and entered into the City Book of Minutes.
5. Public Forum: Darrell Matheny 247 Queens Cemetery Road spoke on behalf of those opposed to the Dollar General. He said they had a meet with representatives from Dollar General and they agreed that the Dollar General is coming to Good Hope. They were satisfied that the Dollar General is willing to work with the citizens of Good Hope to make their store pleasing to our citizens. Mr. Matheny then stated that there is concern about the safety of children playing on the Good Hope playground. The group suggested that Dollar General erect a fence around the play area and this was agreed on by both parties. Mr. Matheny said he would get estimates from local businesses and pass them along to Dollar General.  
  
Mayor Guthrie stated that Dollar General has been looking at nothing but the best for our community since talks began two years ago. They have kept in contact with the City and Council to insure our wants and needs were met. They would like nothing more than to see their store blend right into what we have here in Good Hope. He also noted that since the fence was not negotiated by the city and would be a gift, the legalities of such a gift would have to be investigated before the city could accept. Mayor Guthrie stated that with community involvement and communication between the council and its citizens problems can be resolved much easier.
6. Committee Reports/Updates:
  - A. Tree Ordinance: Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be more discussion of the tree ordinance at the next meeting. Councilman William Malcom wanted to clarify that the intent of the ordinance is not to govern over the ability of landowners to cut down trees on their property. Mayor Guthrie confirmed that the ordinance would only pertain to City property and right of ways.
  - B. Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement: Mayor Guthrie stated that he had completed the required paperwork for Title IV and would check to see if the city was required to complete training.

C. Safety Meeting Sign-in Sheet: The monthly Safety report was signed by the Mayor and the Councilmen present at tonight's meeting. The remaining members will sign them before they are officially filed.

D Dollar General Petitions: There were 97 petitions received in opposition to building of Dollar General in the City of Good Hope. After looking at the petitions it was determined that (43) forty-three were from citizens that live within the Good Hope City limits and the remaining (54) fifty-four were from those living outside the city limits. There were concerns pertaining to the sale of alcohol and the retaining pond. These concerns were addressed early in the proceedings with Dollar General and were reaffirmed at tonight's meeting. Although alcohol is sold at the General Store, it will not be sold at Dollar General due to the proximity of its location to the church. The position of the retaining pond is and has been on our radar. It will be placed in the area that is most efficient and will be maintained by Dollar General in a manner worthy of our City. The petitions will be filed by the City Clerk.

Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business

New Business:

- A. Councilman Eddie Sheppard's Resignation Request: Mayor Guthrie read the letter of resignation received from Councilman Eddie Sheppard. Reluctantly the Mayor asked for a motion to accept Councilman Eddie Sheppard's resignation. Equally reluctant Councilman David Mullis made a motion to accept the resignation, Councilman Keith Prather seconded and the motion was passed. It was then discussed that the City would have to bare the expense of a Special Election to fill the remaining term of 3 1/2 years. We will check with the Secretary of State's office for direction. The date of the election will be determined by State Law and made public as soon as possible.
- B. Comprehensive Plan Adopting Resolution: Mayor Guthrie read the Comprehension Plan Resolution, Council Keith Prather made a motion to adopt the plan and Councilman William Malcom seconded. Motion passed.
- C. Service Delivery Strategy Extension: Mayor Guthrie stated that the County has ask all cities to sign a 2-year extension of the Service Delivery Strategy, this is to allow ample time for renegotiations. Mayor Guthrie stated that all services provided by the county would remain the same during the extension. Councilman William Malcom made a motion to accept this extension and Councilman Keith seconded. Motion passed.
- D. LDO Revision Adoption: Justin Crighton was present at the Public Hearing that was held at 6:00 pm prior to this Council Meeting, with no one making any comments. Mr. Crighton stated that he reorganized the ordinance and made changes deemed necessary by the Council. The process has taken nearly three years to accomplish. Councilman David Mullis made a motion to accept the LDO Revision and Councilman Keith Prather seconded. Motion was passed and the New LDO was accepted.
- E. Code of Ordinances Revision Adoption: The Code of Ordinances have been updated and a few changes have been made at the request of the City Council. Justin Crighton has worked diligently with the Council over the past two plus years to complete this project. Councilman David Mullis made a motion to accept the revised Code of Ordinances and Councilman William Malcom seconded. Motion passed and the New Code of Ordinances was accepted.
- F. Terraces Lot 9 Variance Request: A variance has been requested concerning Lot 9 in the Terraces sub-division. Due to issues with the soil and the ability to pass a perk test for the septic system. They are asking for 50-foot setback instead of the required 60 feet for Lot 9 only. Councilman David Mullis asked if the other properties, (5) five total, will have this same issue. Mayor Guthrie confirmed that it was a possibility due to perk problems. Councilman David Mullis made a motion to grant the variance and Councilman William Malcom seconded. Motion passed. Mayor Guthrie will contact Mr. Coleman about the approval of this variance request.

Council Discussion Items:

- A. Playground fence donation by Dollar General: Some of the citizens are concerned that the playground at City Hall does not have a fence surrounding it. They have spoken to Dollar General and they have

agreed to donate the funds to have one installed. Attorney Mike Malcom will look into the legal procedure concerning this. Because the playground is on city property it is not clear if the City can receive gratuity of a donated fence.

B. July and September Meeting Dates: Due to some of our Council Meetings conflicting with holidays the following changes have been made. The Council will meet on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the September 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk