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**Council Members**  
P1 – Keith Prather  
P2 – Post 2  
P3 - William Malcom  
P4 - Joshua Jameson  
P5 - David Mullis, Jr.

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Good Hope City Council Minutes  
August 7, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. Councilman Josh Jameson led the invocation. Councilman David Mullis led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call** was performed by City Clerk, Renette Yancey. All members were present.
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:** Because there was no quorum for the July Council Meeting there was no official meeting. However, the Mayor did give the committee reports to those in attendance. Minutes were taken by City Clerk Renette Yancey and presented to the Council. The approval of those minutes was approved with a motion from Councilman Keith Prather and seconded by Councilman Josh Jameson. All approved. Councilman William Malcom made a motion to accept the June Council Meeting minutes and Councilman David Mullis seconded. Motion was passed and minutes were
5. **Public Forum:** There was no public forum
6. **Executive Session:** From 6:36 to 6:45 the Mayor held an Executive Session in his office with the Council.
7. **Committee Reports/Updates:**
  - A. **Playground Fence:** Because the Dollar General is coming to Good Hope some of the citizens are concerned with the safety of the children on the city's playground. As a sign of good will, Sullivan & Wickley, from Dollar General, have offered to donate a fence to be installed around the playground. After speaking with City Attorney Mike Malcom it was determined that the City could accept the donation if the council approved. Mayor Guthrie received an estimate from Paul Robert's Fence Company for a 4ft. black heavy gauge coated chain link fence with the cost being \$4,571.29, this was forwarded to Sullivan and Wickley.
  - B. **Budget Report:** Each Council Member was given a copy of this year's year to date spending. Most of the accounts are in good standing. Legal Fees have already exceeded the budget due to the Dollar General controversy, Special Election that will be held in November to replace the vacant Post 2 and the issue of double occupancy on a parcel of land on Queens Cemetery Rd.
  - C. **Municipal Street Maintenance 2017:** This report was to acknowledge the streets and street numbers in the city, Mayor Guthrie checked on the street numbers and extended the numbers on Old Good Hope Road and Highway 186 to 500. This report was then sent to Jenni Phipps at the County Office for future reference.
  - D. **LMIG** – The 2018 LMIG Grant was approved to the amount of \$6280.05, to receive this grant the city has to provide a 30% match for a funded project. The council was asked for their input on a project that the 2018 Grant can be applied to. The city is still waiting to complete the 2016 Grant which will provide sidewalks in front of the Baptist Church on Hwy 83, the necessary paperwork has not been completed by the Church. The 2017 project is to correct the drainage just past the old schoolhouse on Jacks Creek Road. This project will be a joint effort with the County.

E. **Comprehensive Planning Update:** The city has received a letter of completion from the DCA. This allows the city the ability to apply for and receive grants and loans.

F. **Special Election:** Due to the resignation of Councilman Eddie Sheppard the city will have to hold a Special Election. Because there is no Federal election this year the city will be responsible for the cost of holding the election. Mayor Guthrie and City Clerk Renette Yancey have been working to get information for holding a special election. This included speaking to the Secretary of State, the County Election Office and our City Attorney. A “Call for Election” and “Qualifying” ad has been placed in the paper. Qualifying will take place on August 28<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The election will take place on November 7<sup>th</sup> with early voting on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If only one person qualifies, that person will be sworn in and the city will forgo the election.

8. **Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business

9. **New Business:**

A. **Resolution for Eddie Sheppard:** Eddie served on the City Council for 2 1/2 years. Not only was he on the city council, he developed a city tree ordinance that will be used with the Tree City Program. He was also instrumental in the city becoming a certified Firewise City. He also served on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mayor Guthrie read the Resolution that will be presented to Eddie at a later date. Councilman William Malcom made a motion to approve the Resolution and Councilman David Mullis seconded. Motion passed.

B. **Playground Fence:** After hearing the details regarding the fence to be installed around the playground the council needed to vote to accept it as a gift to the city. Before the vote Councilman Keith Prather voiced his concern for the maintenance of the grounds around fence. Mayor Guthrie stated that our lawn service would take care of it. Councilman William Malcom made a motion to accept the gift and Councilman Josh Jameson seconded. Motion passed.

**Council Discussion Items:**

A. **Tree City:** In order to proceed with this program, the city needs a Tree Board consisting of at least three (3) people. They will need to hold an Arbor Day event during the year, not necessarily on Arbor Day. The Council was asked to reach out to anyone they thought would be interested in being a part of this Board.

B. **Moina Michael Birthday Bash:** There will be a birthday celebration in memory of Moina Michael at City Hall on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. All members of the council were encouraged to attend.

C. **Georgia Flood M.A.P. Kickoff Meeting:** The Department of National Resources and FEMA are working to update the Flood Insurance rate map. There will be a meeting at Lanier Technical College in Winder on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. All city officials are invited to attend.

D. **US Census:** The city will be receiving a check list of all the addresses within the city limits from the US Census. The council will be asked to check the information when it is received. This is a voluntary program, that the city will take part in.

E. **City Tax:** The Mayor ask the council to seriously consider a city tax and stated that even though the city is in good financial shape at the current time, if the city were to lose any of it major funding through the Insurance Premiums Tax or our Franchise Fees the city would have only enough Reserve Funds to operate for a few years.

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

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Clerk