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**City Clerk Renette Yancey**

**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  
September 18, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. Councilman Keith Prather led the invocation. Councilman David Mullis led the pledge.
2. **Roll Call** was performed by City Clerk, Renette Yancey. Councilman Joshua Jameson was absent.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilman David Mullis made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman William Malcom seconded and the motion passed.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the July Council minutes. Councilman William Malcom seconded. Motion was passed and minutes were recorded.
5. **Public Forum:** Keeli Laughinghouse made a statement that she is interested in being on the Good Hope Tree Board.
6. **Committee Reports/Updates:**
  - A. **Election Update:** There were two people that filled out paperwork to qualify for the Councilman Post 2 in the November election. Keeli Laughinghouse did not qualify because she did not meet residency requirements. According to the City Charter one must be a resident of the city for one year prior to election day. Billy Studdard filled the paperwork out on the last day of qualifying, but did not bring the \$9.00 fee. City Clerk and Election Manager Renette Yancey waited 30 minutes past the qualifying time for him to go to the post office for a money order. Mr. Studdard returned and stated that the post office was out of money orders and that he did not have the cash or a check to pay the fee. Election Manager Yancey and Mayor Guthrie took both cases to the County Board of Elections, State Elections offices and City Attorney Mike Malcom for guidance. They were told that neither of the two individuals could qualify for the November election. The City will have another qualifying period after the first of the year for the March 2018 election cycle.
  - B. **134 Queens Cemetery Update:** On 8-10-2017 Mayor Guthrie and a representative from the Walton County Code office presented Mr. James Moon at 134 Queens Cemetery Road a 30-day warning regarding his son living in a camper on the property. The 30 days has expired and nothing has been done to rectify the situation. Mayor Guthrie took pictures and contacted the city attorney on September 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Malcom will be working with the county to possibly issue a citation to the residents.
  - C. **Dollar General Update:** Mayor Guthrie met with Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Rojas, the Dollar General Project manager and the County Inspector to discuss the plans for the Dollar General. There will be an extension to the sidewalk and a few changes with the landscaping. They are also in touch with Paul Roberts Fence Company regarding the fence around the City Playground. Plans are to begin breaking ground after the Poppy Festival.
8. **Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business
9. **New Business:**
  - A. **Address Change for Good Hope Outdoor Products:** Because of the sale of property to Dollar General, Good Hope Outdoor Products has been relocated to 120 Jacks Creek Rd. A motion was made by Councilman David Mullis to accept this move and Councilman William Malcom seconded. Motion passed. The owner of the land on Jacks Creek Rd, Mr. Donald Poss, the owner of Good Hope Outdoor Products, Holly Prather and the adjoining neighbor, Mr. Truman Robison had a meeting with Mayor Guthrie to discuss some of the troubling issues. It was agreed that the buildings will be moved farther away from Mr. Robison's property line and Mr. Poss will plant Leyland cypress trees as a buffer. It was also agreed that the grounds will be kept neat with the grass cut.
  - B. **Community Sign:** Trey Thompson would like to erect a city sign at the corner of Highway 186 and Highway 83. This would be a place where the people of the community can advertise upcoming events. Councilman William Malcom made a motion to accept the sign and waive the signage fee. Councilman Keith Prather seconded and the motion passed.

C. **Red Ribbon Proclamation:** Karla Dee Kirby of the Young Marines of Etowah Valley in Cartersville, contacted Mayor Guthrie requesting that the City draw up a proclamation declaring October 23- 31 Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is a week set aside each year in honor of Enriquee “Kiki” Camarena, a drug enforcement agent that was killed in the line of duty. Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the request and to proclaim October 23-31, 2017 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Good Hope. Councilman David Mullis seconded, Motion passed. Mayor Guthrie will send the proclamation to Miss Kirby next week.

**Council Discussion Items:**

A. **Poppy Festival:** The Poppy Festival will be Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017. The final meeting is tomorrow evening September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Festival has sold out all of the vender spaces. The pageant raised over \$2200.00 with only 13 contestants. There are 36 bike riders registered with the anticipation of around 72 riders the day of the event. Mr. William Coleman provided a trailer for the stage and we will have to pay for the sound system this year due to one of the bands backing out at the last minute. The band had committed to provide the sound system for us at no charge. Mayor Guthrie wanted everyone to know that there was a nice write-up in the Walton Tribune this week about the upcoming Poppy Festival.

10. **Adjourn:** 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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