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**City Clerk Renette Yancey**

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

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Good Hope City Council Minutes  
May 7, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** 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 City Clerk, Renette Yancey. Councilmen Joshua Jameson and David Mullis were absent. All others present
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman William Malcom second, all approved and the motion was passed.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilman William Malcom made a motion to accept the April Council minutes. Councilman Jason Laughinghouse seconded. All approved, Motion passed, and minutes were recorded.
5. **Public Forum:** Keeli Laughinghouse proposed to the council that she would like to see a monthly Farmers Market and a community Trunk or Treat at City Hall. The council said they would take these proposals into consideration. She also wanted to know if the walking trail around City Hall would post the distance along the trail so it's users would know how far they had walked. Mayor Guthrie said this was already in the plans and should be completed soon.
6. **Committee Reports/Updates:**
  - A. **Budget Report:** The council received a year to date report on the city's spending and income. At this time, the city in on track with the 2018 budget.
  - B. **SPLOST: New, 2007, 2013: New SPLOST Money - Councilman Prather and Councilman Jameson attended the T-SPLOST Summit meeting which concluded that Loganville, Monroe and Social Circle are all facing traffic issues. They requested that Old Good Hope and Jim Edmondson Roads be put on the list of roads to be paved. The county is also looking to widen Pleasant Valley Road by 2 feet on each side. The Mayor and Council will need to compile a list of projects that the SPLOST money would be used for if it is voted in.**

**2007 SPLOST – Todd Parker from Precision Planning has obtained the permit from GDOT to complete the sidewalk project along Highway 83 in front of Good Hope Baptist Church. Work will begin as soon as they are able to obtain Church signatures allowing easement for the sidewalk. This will hopefully begin before the next council meeting. The remainder of the SPLOST 7 money will be spent for engineering plans for Pleasant Valley Road sidewalks.**

**2013 SPLOST – This SPLOST ends in December 2018. The mayor has an itemized list of how the money was spent and we are on schedule with the spending of these funds. Our spending includes, upgrades to City Hall, The upgrades to our City Park and a walking path around City property.**
  - C. **City of Ethics:** The proclamation for the City of Ethics has been signed and sent in. We should hear from it soon.
  - D. **City Email Changes:** There has been some concern about the Councilmen having to use their personal emails for city business. Tonight, the councilmen were issued Windstream emails that coincided with their Post number.
7. **Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business.
8. **New Business:** There was no new business.
- 9 **Council Discussion Items:**

- A. **Right of Way Upkeep:** Trey Thompson has expressed concern about the right of way between the City Hall and the store. Although the state doesn't keep the right of ways as nice as we would like the Council feels that we do not have the funds to contract this job out. Mayor Guthrie will contact DOT about the maintenance after the state completes the widening of Highway 83 which is going on now.
- B. **Tree City Program:** Volunteers are needed if the city is going to proceed with becoming a Tree City. Beryl Budd has agreed to help for the first year to ensure that we are off to a good start. Keeli Laughinghouse has also volunteered to help with this project. We will be revisit this issue at next month's meeting. Beryl Budd will be here to answer questions.
- C. **High Speed Network:** Chuck Cook contacted Mayor Guthrie about bringing his version of a wireless high-speed internet service to Good Hope. He would like to speak to the citizens of the city to see if there is any interest. The council agreed that they didn't see any problem with Mr. Cook proceeding with his endeavor.
- D. **Shelves for the Archives Building:** Shelves are needed in the archives building. Kristy Peppers has volunteered to handle the cleaning and organization of the items stored there. Councilman Keith Prather suggested that if we had the shelves built, they could be customized to the measurements that would fit our needs at a possible cheaper price than buying them.

Mayor Guthrie and the Council, then presented City Clerk Renette Yancey with flowers, a card and gift card in honor of National Municipal Clerks Week.

- 10. **Adjourn:** Mayor Guthrie called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Keith Prather made that motion and Councilman William Malcom seconded. All approved, motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

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