



Mayor Jimmy Guthrie  
678-313-1112  
townofgoodhope@windstream.net

City Clerk Renette Yancey

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

---

## Good Hope City Council Minutes February 4, 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 Jason Laughinghouse were absent.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman David Mullis seconded, all approved and the motion was passed.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilman William Malcom made a motion to accept the January Council minutes. Councilman David Mullis seconded. All approved, Motion passed, and minutes were recorded.
5. **Public Forum:** There was no Public Forum.
6. **Committee Reports/Updates:**
  - A. **2018 Mayors Report:** The mayors report is an overview of all that happened in the city in the year 2018. Mayor Guthrie read the report to the council and a copy was submitted into the record books with this month's minutes.
  - B. **2018 Budget Report:** 2018 was a good year for the City of Good Hope. The City ended the year 29% ahead of the budget on expenses or \$10,117.21 and 23% ahead of budget on income or \$8,918.48. The mayor presented the Council with a copy of the report and one was submitted into the record books with this month's minutes.
  - C. **SPLOST 3 Report:** All monies have been received from SPLOST 3. The funds are in the City's bank account. However, the money must be spent and documented on projects within each allotted category. The designated amount remaining for each category are as follows: \$30,769.89-Facility upgrades/upkeep, \$10,472.82-Parks, \$26,839.00-Public Safety, and \$16,000 for Transportation and Signage. There is no timeline for spending the remainder of the money so like always, the Council will carefully decide which projects are in the best interest of the City before they spend any money. The City will also need to open a new account as directed by the County for the new SPLOST it will be designated as City of Good Hope SPLOST4, which indicates it is the 4<sup>th</sup> SPLOST.
  - D. **Americans with Disabilities Acts Requirements:** Mayor Guthrie received a letter from GDOT regarding the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In order to receive federal funds, cities must submit an ADA Transition plan. Mayor Guthrie spoke with Kimberly Sever and was told that because Good Hope has only one part time employee, we are not required to submit a plan in order to be compliant with the Act. The only requirement for the city was to send a letter stating that we only have one part time employee and are exempt from the plan. Mayor Guthrie sent the required letter and a copy is recorded in this month's minutes.
7. **Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business
8. **New Business:** There is no new business
9. **Council Discussion Items:**
  - A. **Tree City Program:** The Mayor and Council discussed becoming a Tree City. The Mayor has spoken to Beryl Budd and there are several residents of Good Hope that have volunteered to be on the committee. The City will now proceed the necessary requirements to become a Tree City.

**B. SPLOST 3 Projects:** The council was asked to compile a list of wants and needs that they felt like the City would benefit from to spend the remaining SPLOST 3 monies on. They discussed fresh paint, Audio/Video Equipment and an upgrade in the Heat and Air Conditioning System for City Hall. They also discussed purchasing a generator for City Hall in case of an emergency.

**C. Borrow Pit:** There are plans for a Borrow Pit on Highway 186 outside of the Good Hope City limits. The plan is that trees would be planted once the dirt was removed. There will be a Planning and Zoning meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Government Building on Hammond Drive in Monroe. There are a lot of concerned citizens that are opposed to this project. The Mayor pointed out that this is a County project and the City has no jurisdiction over the outcome.

**D. LDO and Code of Ordinance Books:** The hard copy of the code of ordinance book was missing chapter 15. Mayor Guthrie gave a copy of that Chapter to each of the councilmen. The mayor and councilmen discovered several mistakes in this chapter. The index and the contents of the book do not match the electronic version. Mayor Guthrie will meet with John Devine from the Regional Commission to make sure that the books are updated to match each other. There are several ordinances that need to be added or updated in the LDO. Included in this list are, soil and erosion, beer and wine, tree, and subdivision ordinances. Our city is on the brink of growth and we want to make sure we have our ordinances in place for the betterment of our city.

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

---

Mayor

---

Clerk