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P1 – Keith Prather  
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P3 - William Malcom  
P4 - Joshua Jameson  
P5 - David Mullis, Jr.

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## Good Hope City Council Minutes March 4, 2018

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. Councilman Josh Jameson led the invocation. Councilman Jason Laughinghouse led the pledge.
- 2. Roll Call** was performed by City Clerk, Renette Yancey. All members were present.
- 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 David Mullis made a motion to accept the February Council minutes. Councilman William Malcom seconded. All approved, Motion passed, and minutes were recorded.
- 5. Presentation of Poppy Festival check to the Moina Michael Poppy Project:** The City Mayor, on behalf of the Poppy Festival committee presented Marie Mize from the Moina Michael Poppy Project with a check for \$2400. This will complete the funds needed to purchase an all-terrain wheelchair for a deserving Veteran. Marie then presented the city with a restored charcoal drawing of Moina Michael. The drawing was received from Mr. Jere Gibbons of Dukedom, Tennessee. His brother Earl Wayne Gibbons drew this picture at the age of 18, while studying art in New York. Mr. Jere found it in his brothers estate after his passing and donated it to the City of Good Hope. Caroline Corder from the University of Georgia Art Department restored the picture and had it framed for the City. It will hang in City Hall as a tribute to Moina Michael for her love and commitment to veterans of all wars.
- 6. Public Forum:** There was no Public Forum.
- 7. Committee Reports/Updates:**
  - A. Sidewalk Update:** Mayor Guthrie spoke with Todd Parker from Precision Planning. The state is processing the deed with the church for the land easement. The project is scheduled to begin late March or early April.
  - B. LDO and Ordinance Update:** It is our understanding that the Regional Commission in Athens has our current City Ordinances written to match those of Walton County. Changes are still being made to our Alcohol and Tree ordinances.
  - C. Service Delivery Strategy:** Mayor Guthrie met with the 3 large city mayors and city managers regarding the service delivery strategy. There is a meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> to finalize the plan. Danny Roberts will send us a copy when complete.
- 8. Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business
- 9. New Business: Resolution against House Bill 302:** Mayor Guthrie presented a Resolution against State House Bill 302 because there is concern that this bill gives State Government too much control over what type of housing can be built in our Cities. There is a great potential that this bill will take that decision away from the State's Municipalities. Mayor Guthrie reached out to Representative Bruce Williams and he expressed concern with the Bill in its current state. After the reading of Resolution Councilman William Malcom made a motion to sign the Resolution opposing the Bill. Councilman Josh Jameson second the motion. The vote opposing Bill 302 was unanimous.
- 10. Council Discussion Items:**
  - A. Tree City Program:** The Tree City Committee had a meeting with Beryl Budd to finalize the Tree Ordinance. They will confer with Eddie Sheppard regarding the wordage. To complete our requirement of an Arbor day event, Matt Chandler will plant a 10 to 12-foot Sugar Maple beside the archives building. This is the same place where the Oak tree went down last year during a storm. The cost to the city is \$125. It will be paid out of the City's general fund.
  - B. Floor Damage:** Britt's Floor Covering will not back their product, so we are left with a floor that scratches easily. We have had several scratches occur because of the rental of the building. One such occurrence resulted in retaining a security deposit. The

lady feels like she is being targeted and has asked that her money be returned to her. The Council decided to give her half of her money which is \$50. We will have her sign a release form agreeing that this is sufficient.

**C. Borrow Pit:** The people that applied to have the land on Hwy 186 rezoned to M-1 have pulled their application. It is a concern of the people in the area that after ten years of having a Borrowing Pit on the property a land fill would take its place. However, they may ask for a variance which would allow the Borrowing Pit. There is still concern about the traffic of all the heavy trucks and the damage they will do to the city's roads.

**D. SPLOST 3 Projects:** Councilman Josh Jameson spoke with Dan Fonda about a back up generator for City Hall. He suggested one with a smart switch but that would not allow for the heat and the stove to be on at the same time. This could be an issue in the case of an emergency where City Hall is used as a shelter. The alternative is a commercial generator. Councilman Jameson will meet with a couple of other sources and have more information and prices at next month's meeting. Councilman Keith Prather is looking at projectors to be used for meeting and other city events. They seem to be rather pricey so he is going to look at and get prices for a smart tv that can be connected to a laptop.

**E. Economic Conference:** The Economic Conference with Shane Shore is scheduled for March 21-22 in Madison at the Jane Madison Inn Conference Center. Mayor Guthrie plans to attend and asked if any of the Councilmen would be available to attend. Several Councilmen said they would check their schedules and get back with him this week.

**F. Sales Office:** Trey Thompson would like to put a sales trailer at the corner of Highway 83 and Pleasant Valley Road for Billy Coleman. This would be for building projects at a different location. Our LDO states that the office be on the property where the work is being done. Because he is only one of several builders in the area it would set a bad precedence for the city.

**Adjourn:** Mayor Guthrie called for a motion to conclude the meeting. Councilman David Mullis made the motion, Councilman Jason Laughinghouse seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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