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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.

**Good Hope City Council Minutes
May 4, 2020**

Due to the Covid-19 virus this meeting was held via conference call / City Hall

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. Mayor Guthrie, Councilmen Keith Prather, and William Malcom attended at City Hall. Councilmen David Mullis and Jason Laughinghouse as well as City Clerk Renette Yancey were on the conference call.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman Jason Laughinghouse seconded. All approved and the motion was passed.
4. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to accept the April Council minutes. Councilman William Malcom seconded. All approved, Motion passed, and the minutes were recorded.
5. **Public Forum:** NA
6. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **TSPLOST update.** The Cities and County have the TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement ready for approval. This would be a new penny tax in Walton County which will be used for transportation projects in Walton County only. The IGA will have to be approved by the Cities at their June Meetings and forwarded to the County for their July Meeting. If approved by the County, it will then be put on the November ballot to be voted on by the people of Walton County. The concern is that with the recent downfall of the economy due to Covid-19, people will not vote for a new sales tax this year. Mayor Guthrie stated that this is the fairest tax possible, as visitors to our county also will help pay for our road improvements.
 - B. **Paving Parking Lot.** The Sherriff department is getting ready to pave their portion of the parking area. The Mayor has spoken with John Allman, Director of Roads and Bridges, about paving our parking lot at the same time. There is \$44,280.67 in the SPLOST 4 account and this money is designated for the paving of the parking lot and sidewalks down Pleasant Valley Road. The area we are paving is from the building to the driveway that runs between City Hall and the recreation area and on the other side of the driveway for parking at the Recreational area. Mr. Allman will get back with the Mayor when he has an estimate on the project.
 - C. **Playground.** The mayor has prepared a third emergency ordinance regarding keeping the playground closed during this Covid-19 shutdown. He spoke with several of those on the front line and because we have no way to sanitize the playground it was suggested that the playground remain closed at this time. This is for the protection of our community. The Mayor asked if there were any questions, there were none
7. **Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business

8. New Business

A. Emergency Ordinance 2020-03: Due to the Covid-19 Virus, Mayor Guthrie presented a 3rd Emergency Ordinance. This ordinance will prohibit the use of the Playground and Pavilion until June 3, 2020. There was some discussion and Councilman William Malcom made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman David Mullis seconded. The vote was split two for and two against, Mayor Guthrie cast the deciding vote to pass Emergency Ordinance 2020-03.

9. Council Discussion Items:

A. COVID19/City Hall Rental: We have two (2) rentals scheduled in May. Due to the Governors order that there should be no large gatherings one of the groups has contacted Mayor Guthrie and wants to reschedule in June. Mayor Guthrie will reach out to the other group and see if they want to reschedule later.

10. Adjourn: Mayor Guthrie called for a motion to conclude the meeting. Councilman William Malcom made the motion, Councilman Keith Prather seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk