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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 June 1, 2020

Due to COVID -19 the City Council meeting was held on site and through conference call.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Guthrie called the meeting to order. Councilman William Malcom led the invocation. Councilman Jason Laughinghouse led the pledge.
- 2. Roll Call** was performed by City Clerk, Renette Yancey. Councilmen Josh Jameson and Keith Prather were absent
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Councilman William Malcom 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 May Council minutes. Councilman William Malcom seconded. All approved, Motion passed, and the minutes were recorded.
- 5. Public Forum:** There was no Public Forum
- 6. Committee Reports/Updates:**
 - A. Playground/Pavilion opening.** The Governor's order states that outdoor activities could resume with social distancing. Because the City has no way to sanitize the playground equipment, Mayor Guthrie recommended that if signs are posted stating that citizens can visit at their own risk and a sanitizing station is installed, we should allow the previous order to expire on June 3rd and the playground would reopen.
 - B. CARES Act Funding.** 4.1 billion dollars of Grant monies was received by the state. 1.2 billion will be shared between the cities. We are not sure how much we will receive or what the money can be spent on at this time. When the money is deposited in the City's account Clerk Renette Yancey will inform Mayor Guthrie. There is a required training webinar coming soon regarding the Grant. Mayor Guthrie will keep everyone informed.
- 7. Unfinished Business:** There is no unfinished business
- 8. New Business:**
 - A. T-SPLOST MOA:** Mayor Guthrie stated that he had sent a copy of the MOA Agreement by email to all council members. If the penny tax is voted on and passes the T-SPLOST will bring approximately \$199,680.00 to the City. This money will be spent on drainage problems in several areas of the City, sidewalks on Pleasant Valley Road, Curbs, and gutters along 186 from the center of town to City Hall and widening of Pleasant Valley Road. This tax would enable the County and Cities to perform some much-needed repairs without raising property taxes. A motion to approve the MOA and send it to the County was made by Councilman William Malcom. Councilman David Mullis seconded all approved and the motion passed.
 - B. Councilman Laughinghouse Resignation.** Councilman Jason Laughinghouse presented his letter of resignation which was read by Mayor Guthrie. Councilman William Malcom made the motion to accept his resignation and Councilman David Mullis seconded. All approved and Councilman Jason Laughinghouse's resignation was accepted.
 - C. Appointment of New Council Member:** Mayor Guthrie ask to table this until the July meeting to have time to confer with the City Attorney.
- 9.. Council Discussion Items:**
 - A. July Meeting.** The next council meeting will take place on July 6th
 - B. Tree City Grant.** Councilman Jason Laughinghouse is the Chairman of our tree board and he has been working on a Grant for the City to plant more trees on City property. He stated that he and Seth Hawkins from USDA Forrestry will be working on the Grant Application over the next couple of weeks and would keep the Mayor and Council informed on the progress.

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

Mayor

Clerk