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City Clerk Renette Yancey

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

Good Hope City Council Meeting
Date July 6, 2020

- 1. Call to order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Jimmy gave the invocation and Councilman Keith Prather led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll call:** City Clerk Renette Yancey took roll call. 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 motion was passed.
- 4. Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Councilman William Malcom made a motion to accept the June Minutes. Councilman David Mullis seconded, all approved, motion was passed, and the minutes were recorded.
- 5. Public Forum:** There was no public forum.
- 6. Committee reports/updates:**
 - A. Budget Report.** Each member had a copy of the Financial report. Apart from our revenue from rentals it looks like the City is on target for the year. Mayor Guthrie had a question about the lights in City Hall so Renette Yancey will check on that and get back to him.
 - B. Replacement for Councilman Laughinghouse.** In case of the vacancy of an office the Mayor and Council can appoint someone if it is within 6 months of the end of term. Councilman Laughinghouse was planning to finish his term but circumstances changed, and he resigned in June, completing the first six months of the year. Kelsey Malcom is the only candidate running for his post in November and is a possible candidate for this position.
 - C. Tree City Grant Proposal.** The paperwork has been sent in for this grant. The cost of the trees is \$625.00. Mulch and planting are \$200.00 for a total of \$825.00. This is the amount requested from grant. To follow the guidelines of the grant, the playground will be dedicated and named after Moina Michael at the City's Arbor Day event in the spring. These trees and others will provide shade for visitors to the park for years to come.

D. CARES Act funding: Carl Morrow sent an application to Mayor Guthrie for funding due to Covid 19. The total amount of \$15,704.31 will be available and the first phase of \$4,711.29 and the City will be able to request these funds by the end of the year. Our understanding is that this money can be spent on hand sanitizers, disinfectant, and other PPE. Mayor Guthrie will get more information regarding what can be purchased with this money.

7. Unfinished business: There is no unfinished business

8. New Business:

A. Councilman Laughinghouse's Replacement. William Malcom recused removing himself from this discussion. Councilman Josh Jameson made a motion to appoint Kelsey Malcom as the replacement for Councilman Jason Laughinghouse, Councilman Keith Prather seconded, all approved motion passed.

B. New City Entrance Signs. The signs entering Good Hope are in poor condition. Mayor Guthrie spoke with Gary Potter of Alcovy Sign about having them replaced. He was given the cost for each sign to be \$480.00. There is \$12,000.00 dollars in SPLOST monies that can be used for Transportation and Signage. Councilman Keith Prather suggested putting additional signs on Pleasant Valley and Hwy 83. Councilman David Mullis inquired as to what the signs would look like. Mayor Guthrie said the signs will look the same as they do now. Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to table the decision until everyone has had a chance to see the design. Councilman. William Malcom seconded. All in favor, Motion passed.

9. Council Discussion Items:

A. Change of ownership for Good Hope General. The closing date of the sale of the store is scheduled for July 9th or 10th. The prorated beer and store license are ready at City Hall. The only change in operations at this time is that there will only be a propane swap instead of refilling tanks. Councilman Josh Jameson said the Fire department needed to be contacted with new owner and new key holder information.

B. COVID-19 Safety for Good Hope. Councilman David Mullis is working on a letter for our website which will mirror the Governor's orders. Encouraging Good Hope citizens to wear mask, social distancing and getting tested.

10. Adjourn: Councilman Keith Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Josh Jameson seconded. All approve and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk